Sabbath March 22d 46.

Dear Brother Isaac

We have no meeting today. Charles & I went to the Mills, but found no minister. Elder Rowel's day, but he cut his foot. We called at Sheofh. Sargent's. Mrs. S. died yesterday - sick less than a week. She did not think herself in danger was not considered very sick, till she lost her senses. Poor woman, she has gone. I don't know as we have any reason to hope she was prepared for her change. Mr. S. is away in the woods hunting - knows nothing of her sickness. Hector has gone after him. The children seem very sober. Isn't it remarkable? Here is the fourth death that has occured in that family in four successive Springs. It has been very sickly here all winter. Here is the 26th death within a year. in town. Wm. Kittredge has lost one of his twins. Wm White, Wm. Freeman, Daniel Dow & Wm Davis are all in very poor health. Many children sick. Very sickly in Bangor - especially among children. I came from there Friday. The Sabbath before there were 4 children died in the immediate neighborhood of Ann's boarding place. Two others that we knew of, the same night. Two of her scholars died while I was there.

I have now before me a letter which you wrote me while I was gone. I'm obliged for your good opinion of me as regards "moral & intellectual superiority, refinement of soul" &c. &c. Am compelled, however, to attribute a portion of it, at least, to your ignorance of my true character, abilities, &c. feeling conscious that I am undeserving of so much - what shall I call it - eulogy, or soft soder.

Well I had a fine time at Bangor. Staid with Annas Mr. Jewell's. Helped her some in school, and some I studied French & Drawing. Succeeded beyond my expectations in Drawing, never having practiced much. Ann was intending to write to you immediately & will probably give you information about her school. She wanted me to stay and help her the coming term, but we finally concluded that what little money could be spared ought to be sent to you, instead of spending it for my board & fixings.

Yesterday, the very day after I got home, I had an application to teach the Hobby school, - two months - commencing first or middle of May, $7 per week. I do not give a decided answer for a fortnight, and meanwhile mean to try for a better chance, - longer school. I hate to go live among those 'Hindoos' again, but there must be had.

I suppose you haven't heard that Uncle Nathan wrote to Mother informing her that a certain very respectable widower, about sixty years old, is in want of a wife & expressed his wants to Uncle Nathan, who urges Mother, with much warmth, to lay aside the name of Metcalf & take Jenkins as a substitute! What think of that, eh? But more of this anon. I told Mother if she was not so minded herself, she could tell him she had three marriageable daughters! ha! ha! he!

This Capt. Jenkins is a fine man, pretty wealthy, having sons & daughters grown up, married & in business; Lawyer in N. Y. Merchant in Boston &c. But - he's a Unitarian. Mother of course told him 'nay' for she'd rather 'bide with her own children.

Strange things sometimes happen in our world; for instance Jo has seen two persons of the female kind that he

likes! I conjecture they are Lizzy Dunby – Mrs. Brown's niece – and Miss Caroline Weld, a sister of his room-mate. He is a queer fellow. Mr. Upham wished to write an Advertisement for the sale of the wheels & axletree of a two horse wagon, and asked Joseph how to word it. He told him "For sale the spiritual part of a double wagon".

You seem quite taken up, and I fear carried away besides, with your College Societies. My advice is – keep cool – be calm – and expect a disappointment with regard to the next president of Athenaean Society.

I had well nigh forgotten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter yesterday, dated March 15th.

I think between Ann, Joseph & Elliot they will send you a little money soon. I wish I had a good bunch for you; but alas! wishes are not horses, nor yet money.

Your remarks on Albinos in one of your letters to Jos. are quite witty, considerin'. Cannot enlighten you on the subject at present. I want you should advise me what to do for a living. Keep country schools, or get private school in city some where like Ann? Or learn trade? Or stay home & help Mother?

The water is very high. Bangor people predict immense damage when the ice goes out, the river is so full. Fear 'twill flow the whole square.

Mar. 20th. Ice going out. Started yesterday; got stopped in the bend – river filled up all the way in sight. just started again. The middle pier of Setec & Atkinson bridge has gone, & they expect the whole bridge will go. Fears are strong that Dover bridge will also go, if it has not already. The water is as high here as ever known before. Mr. Sargent yarded his cattle on the

Sand Hill last night. Folks You know there was a Charter obtained a year ago for the building of a toll bridge at the Jackson ferry. Well, the corporation or Shatuck met yesterday at the Mills to consult as to what measures to take. Maj. Sumner says there will be a bridge built there within a year. Don't know how he knows. He is going to start for Wisconsin soon, to carry Theodore's furniture, & to examine the country for himself, before he decides to emigrate thither. My hand trembles so I can hardly write. I know not why.

I rec'd a paper from Mr. Lash a short time since, containing an Advertisement of Foxcroft Academy. I spose he wonders why our family has not been represented of late. I mean to go up there with you when you come home. Maint F.

Ann talks of taking Lessons in painting, of one Hardy a famous Portrait painter in Bangor. She has scholars in painting, & feels not competent to teach them without more instruction herself. She has a hard school. So many scholars, of both sexes, all ages, sizes & attainments, and such a multitude of studies. Drawing, Painting, Philosophy, two classes in French, History, all sorts of nedle work, & I don't know how many classes in Geography, Arithmetic & Grammar besides Compositions to attend to, & several Abecedarians. Many of the scholars draw, both boys & girls; requiring a great deal of time & attention. Her tuition is two & three dollars per quarter. What Newspaper shall we take? It seems ridiculous to be without any. I am going to try to get the Corner school this Summer. & just an application to teach at Brownville Village, but should much prefer this.

Eyre Barber is reading Law with Robertson at Chase's corner. You inquire "who are Mr. Willard & Mr. White?" The former is a Brownville man, whom I supposed you knew. The latter a Congregationalist minister — very clever, but "no great Shakes" — and a brother in law or half brother to Mrs. Sewall. Also Author of "Incidents in the early History of New England."

With regard to my 'Communication', I have given it up. Firstly, because incapable of writing anything of the kind. Secondly because I saw in this same Mirror not long since an intimation that it would be better in such cases to talk to the persons concerned, than to burden the Mirror with deprecations of the evil, & inquiries as to what is to be done. I cannot but think, however, that the evil is great, not only here, but in other places; and greater, because many professing Christians cannot see, or at least will not admit, that there is any harm in it. It seems to me that Christians generally are getting lax about these things. They allow themselves & their children in things which were not allowed in times past. But I look too much abroad. It ill becomes me to speak of the faults of the church, when I, as an individual member of the church am so far and so constantly astray. I ought to think more of the 'beam' and the 'mote'.

Write often. Tell us about the dedication of your new meetinghouse. You may write me another French letter when you have time! I am reading "Histoire de Charles XII. Progress rather slowly. Good bye

Your affectionate Sister Lucy.

Messrs Lowney & Stinchfield
Merchants
Portland
Me

Mr. Isaac P. Metcalf
Brunswick
Maine

Paid 5

Dec. 6th
Received

Brilo July 4th 1846.

Mine very dear Brother

It is "Independence day" as you see by my date. Mother and Charles started for Exeter and Dexter yesterday morning; Mother, to visit Mrs. Cutler, and Charles to celebrate the 4th at Dexter with the "Sons of Temperance". I am now "keeping house", "by alone" with the exception of little Jenny, who is capering about the house in great glee, because 'tis "Pendence day", and she is going Strawberrying. What a light-footed, light-hearted little Sprite she is! Oh, I forgot; there is a lad out in the cornfield, hoeing; Hiram Glidden by name, whom Charles has hired for two months. He came last night. Is from Kirkland, fifteen years old, and has eight dollars per month. I have got breakfast, "just things to rights" made my toilet and have now seated myself at the desk by the Library window, where the cool breezes of the north do flow unpushingly on me to write a letter to my dear Brother Isaac. We received your letters of June 13th in due season. You was a good brother to write so soon. Am greatly obliged for the 'confidential' expression of your opinion, and advice, so far as given, with regard to S. W. F. He has written to me twice since you went away. Seems very much in earnest! I have returned no decisive answer; indeed I cannot at present, as I am quite undecided in my own mind.

I closed my school the 20th of June; a fortnight sooner than I expected, owing in part to the Whooping cough & partly to lack of money. I sustained the shock of separation from

the Hollanders with a good degree of fortitude considering; though seriously, much as I may rejoice at being released from the labor and vexation of a school, and returning home, yet I can never part with my scholars, be they where they may, without sadness.

I can never have the care of children without becoming attached to them - to some more than others, of course. And then the thought comes over me that I have not done all I might have done for their benefit, not only in enlightening their understandings, but in impressing moral and religious truth upon their minds. The teacher is generally an Oracle for the scholars. What she does or says is remembered, and a serious word from her lips is not soon forgotten. There is a great field for labor in the "kindergarten settlement", and a teacher must needs "use all circumspection" there I can assure you.

My flower garden prospers finely. The Flag, Lilys, Monkshood, Columbine, Orchis and pinks are in blossom. White strawberries are ripe. I never go there without thinking of you. You don't know how lonely it seemed here the next time I came home after you went away. More so perhaps, than having been so many at home together. The change was greater to find them all gone. But though distance may separate us from those we love, memory still lives, and bring vividly before the mind the sweet intercourse of former days; and hope, unfailing hope, points to the future with a sweet assurance that we must again. We have had letters from Ann, Joseph and Edith since they went back. They have doubtless written to you. Daniel Holman was married a few days since! E. attended the wedding. I wish the illustrious couple success with all my heart. Don't you?

James' brother and sister, Gilbert and Rachel, were here to see Almeda such before last. I was at my school and did not see them at all. They visited at Mrs. Lee's. Charles went to Bangor last

week with both horses, to try to sell Doak. He came from there Wednesday. A man thought he should like to buy the horse, but could not tell certainly till monday. He wished C. to leave him there and if he did not purchase, would pay the expense till Monday. Charles tried him, under disadvantageous circumstances too, and found that he can trot with ease a mile in four minutes; and he is confident that with a week or ten days training he may be crowded into a mile in 3½ minutes. If that is the case he can be sold for 150 dollars. The manager of the Theatre offered that for him if he could do it in 3½ minutes, and several told C. that Frank Adams would give that for him. If that man concludes to buy, he goes for 75; if he does not, C. is going to raise the price immediately to 150, keep him there in a stable, and let Elijah drive him out every morning, till he finds a purchaser. Some say he can be trained by the time he is seven years old, to trot a mile in three minutes, in which case he would be valued at 300 dollars, but C. thinks it doubtful. I hope he will get a good round price for him after waiting so long, but it would spite Noah Doak awfully.

I wish you had taken the other ten dollars of Charles. He would have done some way to get along without it, but it is mostly spunk now. He had only a V. left, which I send, together with three dollars of mine, with which I desire you to consider yourself bound to get your Daguerotype at the first favorable opportunity. C. turned my order except this 3 dollars for taxes, and is to pay me when he can. I think I cannot spend the money in any way to afford me more pleasure than this. You will get it & send when you have a suitable opportunity, won't you now, for Mother's sake as well as mine. She feels very bad that we did not at any rate have yours. She says if you should be taken away she never could forgive herself. I wish these bills were all 100, or

at least 50. dollars. I have been sent for to keep out a school where one of the Solman girls was dismissed at Lepange corner. It is a pretty. hard school & I sent my terms 9/ or 10/6 – Don't know whether they'll want me on those conditions or not. Let me advise you never to refuse money again when 'tis offered you! Lest some trouble befall you. Should think if the others concerned know of the unpaid bill, they would help settle it. Write again soon, won't you? Affectionately Sister Lucy.

Mrs. Lucretia Ann Pinkard Ross in 15 minutes or a bout mile & fifteen with their Kids, Alice K. Fifteen of us – exc. Lucy M the seven in the Coach Jonesboro Tenn.

Miss Lucretia M. McCall
Lebanon
July 15th 1846

Mr. Isaac S. McCall
Brunswick
Georgia

Lebanon

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July 15th 1846
Boyd. Co. Ky.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenny is now in Hampton Falls, on
[illegible] Farber's and acquainted with Mr.
Hall. Or at least Mrs. H. knows the whole pedigree of
Mrs. Kenny's grandfather fitted him for College
entirely - was a famous scholar, but terrible lazy.

This is the same school that Sep Foster taught
last winter. He was very homesick, and his efforts
to make us poor homesick, if they succeeded
to think of the disagreeables & vexations. I try to live
from and forth in the bright side of [illegible] and
I've said "contentment is in the character, not in the
condition", so I shall probably be contented with it.

This District has rather a bad name, scholars and
parents; but I shall train the scholars kindly let
the parents like or dislike it.

If you pity me these long warm days, summon up
my fortitude or fifty vexations, then write to me often
very often. They are mostly Universalists now & coming
then. Come meetings very occasionally. Elder Farrar is
to adopted preacher - more in a month. I did hinder
hope I should stay at home the rest of the summer, but
will undertake a disagreeable, would be ending I
[illegible] the "Almighty dollar" that you tell about.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenny have gone to Hampton with
their wood today. I sent my [illegible] letters & did not see
them by them. One Mr. Hale, brother to our late "Uncle
Hale", a congregationalist minister preached at the
Station. Quite a decent man as far as I [illegible]

hear him. Mother & Edwin were gone & I could not leave home. Mrs. Kenney knows the whole history of the Hobbs' from beginning to end. I expect to get something out of her regarding Lillie Jane's origin. Jane asked me the other day if Grandmother should die if I would keep her then. She said if I couldn't, she should want me to send her to "Grandmother's Uncle Joseph's" in Massachusetts. The little sprite treasures up all she hears, & she hears more sometimes than we are aware.

July 11th I am not at all sorry that I set my face at 9/ for a Summer school. 'Tis the surest way to "get on, one's self". People begin to find out that if they want a good teacher, they must pay the price; that the schools taught by teachers for 1,00 or 7/6 are the cheapest in the end. They have had poor teachers here for some time & find that one of my doings create quite a sensation. 'Tis an undoing of "things" here to sing in school. People like it vastly. My table Sunday as I "thought" myself a good teacher! Well so long as I think at all I shall strive to do that same. You will write me, won't you, and often?

In great haste Most affectionately

Lizzie Lee

[illegible]

La Grange Aug. 27th 1846.

Dear Brother

On my return from Nile on the 5th found your last very welcome letter awaiting me. Many thanks for the same, dear Brother. I had an opportunity to go home with Dr. Kimball, & accordingly dismissed my school in three days while Linn was at home. Had a fine time went blueberrying twice and did not get a dozen berries either time. Too late in the season for them. Charles and Albina came and brought me back Sabbath night after meeting. My school closes next Fri. I long for the time of my release to arrive. Every family in the District without an exception insist that I come again next Summer. The Agent tried to make me promise; says I shall have as much wages as I can get anywhere else, more or less! I conclude from all this that I have given good satisfaction.

Your "Practical Philosophy" I am much pleased with. Should admire to get rid of the book. The "Cross & Crown" I have read. Have access to it here in La Grange. Like it very much. The person of whom I borrowed it had not read it, thought it wasn't much - nothing but a story &c. I thought from my knowledge of the individual it would be an excellent plan if he would read it & put it to practical use! I gave him a piece of my mind when I returned the book.

Your unsealed letter was postmarked in due form at Brunswick. No harm if a few Lagrangers did read it! I suppose you know that Mr. Walker is [illegible] Joseph writes about

it thus;- "an evening meeting was in the vestry. After sermon the parson announced that a solemn ceremony would take place. Asa and his elect Lady came forward and were wedded then and there, or to speak more concisely, they approximated and were hitched." Droll fellow, Jo. I had the pleasure of seeing Daniel Holmes & his "elect Lady" the last time I was at Milo. Rather an old looking bride considering the youth and beauty of the bridegroom.

Perhaps an account of one of my visits would not be uninteresting to you. Last Sat. night I was invited to a place (where is a grand house'd every thing nice & comfortable) to tarry all night & go to meeting next day at the corner. When I got part way there I learned that the Lady of the mansion had been suddenly called away by sickness, so I could'nt go there. It was so far (about two miles) that I could'nt very well go home besides as my intention to spend the night was known, I should give offence if I did not stop where I then was. (You know, as "Aunt Keziah" says "folks like to be taken notice of if they are poor.") Accordingly I tarried. A very "epigurous" house, containing one room, and I suppose one chamber, as I saw persons ascending and descending a ladder occasionally, also a trap door through which ingress and egress was had to a small hole under ground, by some denominated a cellar, wherein was deposited milk, butter and divers other edibles wherewith the inhabitants were wont to satisfy the demands of nature. The room was very little if any, larger than our large bedroom. It contained "the dupses" and a sink, some chairs and a table. In one end was a tolerably large fireplace and in the other a bed & trundle bed. Overhead was a pole whereon were hung Sunday garments for the use of the family. A

large basket containing bedding &c was suspended from the wall;
a gun for "mutual defence" rested near the ceiling on two
wooden sticks, and various bunches of yarn, the result of
the good women's industry, hung about the room. A tin
candle stick hung on a strap of leather, prepared for the pur-
pose, over the fireplace. A wide shingle fixt in a chink between
two boards formed the mantel piece, upon which was a
couple of well used pipes, some tobacco and a dirty news-
paper. When the season arrived for retiring to rest, the
good man crawled up the ladder to bed, resigning his more
comfortable situation below, to me. His loving spouse did then
dress the bed anew in a cleanly manner, out of pure regard
to my feelings probably, and deposit a pretty clean little baby
therein. She then drew forth the trundle bed, and snugly be-
stowed them more into it, after which she crept into
hers, and proceeded to unrobe and betake herself to rest,
desiring me to do the same. She is a very kind, good-hearted
woman, and showed me every attention in her power; was very
careful lest I should not rest well, and for that reason, I
suppose, I could not close my eyes in sleep till past the "noon
of night." I thought I had been "brought into straits" before,
but this outdid them all. Alas! for the miseries of a
school-ma'am! Say you not so? I rose in the morning,
partook of a very good breakfast, went to meeting, and got
back to my boarding place at night alive! Some people
have trials, difficulties & inconveniences which even we know
little about. I have had an excellent boarding place, - as good
as I could wish with the exception of seven noisy children!
which, with you, I suppose, would be no small objection.
I do wish I could get more good books to read. Really and some

Excellent. "Safer is he that stoeth knowledge than he that could snatch for himself
I mourn over our deficiency of intellectual food, but cannot help it.
What excessively warm weather & what a quantity of it, we have
This summer. Wish C. had planted more corn: I wish you could
get the school in Brunswick that you spoke of. Too bad you have
to be out of College so much. Ever Brother is [illegible]

[illegible]

Sept 18th 1846
Da Turner
Topsham

May 6
Answered 5
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Prof. Upham

Prof. S. H. Mitchell
Lagrange
Sept 15th 1846
Topsham

Brunswick Me
Sept 5/10

Turner Me
Rec'd Sept. 9 1846

[illegible] Friday or we must open about their knowledge [illegible]
[illegible] does it now stand. I don't. Chat is [illegible]
you not do. How does your [illegible]
[illegible] refund to the "book that is your [illegible]"
I would not allow myself to care any thing about it. I guess
when you look at home you were making too much calculation
upon it. [illegible]
[illegible]. An old flame called with blushed cheek & [illegible]
tion not sought admittance. After he entered the [illegible]
recognized him as one of the Select men & S. S. C. of
in Evanice, & accordingly held him all due deference. The
[illegible] [illegible] at his approach, and upon [illegible]
(and subscription) received from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
me. What was to watch the Bible-candles!

I desire your opinion. Suppose I give tickets to
scholars who stands at the head the most nights in arrears;
what he who recieves the ticket, or he who leaves off at the
head Sat. night, if it be another one
be sent to the book Room. meet.

Perhaps it may interest you to know that [illegible]
came down here I filed away all the letters nicely.
home written but eighteen letters including this you see
[illegible] have come! Am going [illegible]
[illegible] two nights (mail day) [illegible]
[illegible] & get some return for me (single) [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible] & Ann. [illegible] to [illegible] one more a
[illegible] [illegible] done work for! And forget not to send
it! The Owl is a very fine idea, Transcendentalism

Aug. 6th 1864
Paul Post.

Mrs. C. M. Bolong
Louisville
Aug 4th 1864

Bro. Oct. 16th 1846.

Dear Brother Isaac

I believe the last letter I wrote you from Dover was about — a good while ago! wasn't it. I wrote part of a letter when I first went to Bangor, expecting I could finish it and send it in answer to yours which I recieved the day after I got there; but my time was so taken up that it had not been written when I came away, — on the 7th inst. You have probably recieved it however, before now.

I had a very pleasant visit of a little more than a fortnight; enjoyed myself much. Helped Ann some in school, practiced drawing some myself &c. Got my Daguerreotype there for 1.75! It seems a long, long time since we have heard from you. Why are you so silent. We want much to know how you succeed in your school &c. Day before yesterday we (That is, Charles, Albina and I together with Sundry other Brio folks) went to Dover to the dedication of the new Masonic Hall. Masons and Sons of Temperance own it together I believe, but the former, being the elder sister, dedicated it. Their ceremonies &c. were really amusing, and yet seemed quite solemn. Old Capt. Gunboat was "Most worshipful Grand Master", and Squire Holmes seemed to be pretty high in office, as also Mr. Chase. "Father Littlefield" Lawyer Treadwell, Settle Carpenter, and John S. Heyward also Parson Avrill of Bangor, were among the number — many others I did not know. They first set three great Spermaceti candles burning, one on each desk — then just the altar in the middle of the floor, just in their aprons, &

which there were divers kinds, some being plain white linen, others blue silk, covered with various images and devices, and others like white satin, with silver fringe and gold and silver spangles — upon which Capt. Guenlief read a hymn from the "black book", which the choir sang beautifully, having prepared by rehearsal beforehand. Then they all rose and marched round the altar like. Capt. Guenlief and Mr. Holmes had thumped solemnly three times apiece with their little wooden mallets on the desk and altar, then stopped, and Mr. Hayward came forward with a pitcher and handing it to Guenlief, said "Most worshipful grand master I present you with a pitcher of corn &c. which Capt. G. took and sprinkled on the altar, dedicating the hall to heavenly Then he thumped again, the masons all clapped their hands and went on, going over the same maneuvers with a pitcher of oil and a pitcher of wine, increasing the number of claps each time. Parson Averill made a prayer to begin with and read a part of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple at the close. I did not like that. It seemed almost wicked along with so much mummery. Well when they got through we all marched over to the Cong. meeting house, singers, Orator & chaplains, Sons and Masons and Ladies, where we listened to a very excellent oration by Mr. Hayward, and some fine singing — set pieces, then marched back to the new factory hall opposite Mr. Rimes' where we had an excellent supper (Pie nic) everything in fine style. Last Mr. and Miss Lark, the Holmes & Lower girls, Parkers, Chamberlains, Greelys and Pue Farnham to bed. Had a grand time, much better than I expected. Had quite a long talk of discourse with Abby Carpenter. She is engaged to Mr. Morrell, our singing master, a very fine man

I should think from his appearance: Haven't got much acquainted with him yet. He teaches here and at Brownville

Every thing goes on as usual here. Naomi and Mehitable have gone to Lowell, for which I think the latter especially, together with all her faults are very blameworthy. Parker is teaching high school with eighteen scholars & Albion a Class one with 5.5:

Ardella Dennett has gone to Boston to spend the winter. I called on her at Bangor. William Dennett has got a very fine woman I conclude. No would be aristocratic gentility about her. Visited at Mr. Pomroy's, and heard him preach several times. Crowded house the first Sab. after his return, many could not get in. no meeting at Hammond St. You have probably seen in the papers all about it. Mrs. Sr. and the old Col. himself have got home from Mass. safe and sound. He saw Mr. Pomroy in Boston. Mr. Perkins is dismissed from Royalston church.

I am in a sad hurry today and have written anything and every thing without stopping to think. Mother will write a few words to you. I miss your good letters the week before I went to Bangor. Thank you much. Write another soon. wait you? Almeda is

[illegible] going to Mass to spend the winter. Do write soon— [illegible] affectionately. Sister Lucy.

I have hardly a heart to write to you I feel so low and troubled that I have nothing more substantial to send but I don't know but it will always be just so I'll try to be thankful that you [illegible] so good a faculty and get along so well without— It seems you are very fortunate in your location. What do you come in contact with any really Devoted lively Christians now adays or do no such beings in the land— & meeting since we have had any preaching except Avery's one no society meetings— Hixon is here yet some expect he'll stay all winter— He has not moved out (Att get hired to make Mr Pratt Miss Pratt's Agent take him instead of the oxen but there not— think he shall try to change him for neat stock if he can't do that go to Lawrence ties— S. W. I has tried earnestly & perseveringly but has not made much progress self a Universalist L has been in a quandary— Give it up I guess I don't know

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall
Portland
Maine

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Miss Ellie Oakley

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Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
Topsham
Me.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall
Portland
Maine

in time past she has treated me ill in various ways—
that is, slighted me and shown me that she did not
care for my acquaintance. If that is her feeling, well
and good. I will not fawn on her. You needn't think me
'touchy'. I am not. Her treatment has hurt my feelings,
more than once. I have even treated her kindly, and
shall continue to do so when we meet, but I am to
friend — if you will call it so — Miss Singer. Angel
has a cousin visiting there, no better than Albinus, &
as big, every inch, as old Mrs. Davis. A fine, fine I guess.
Very intelligent countenance, beautiful eye, reminds
me of Mrs. Pomroy. Should I not be acquainted with her
is Mr. C. A. Everett, I like him very well. He is
quiet & talented & very good company, if he
is busy. If I happen to have any books to read I make
the best of my way to his lodgings forthwith! I believe
I wrote you that Angela has finally given him "the
mitten". She was engaged & corresponded with him until a
short time before her return when she wrote him a dis-
missive. He says she has filled him and almost us hand-
somely as a woman could! Rufus says now that she is
to be married to Daniel's wife's brother down South'.

Mehitt Foster and Mr Hill expect to be here next week
on their way to Denver. I can but think Mehitt is very
foolish. Joseph says he'll pay for getting my 'Dag' while
I'm here, if he may have a "lean on the image for
security"! Well good bye. Am will finish this letter, and
I'll write again after I go home which will be in a few
days. Ever Sister Lucy.

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Mrs Lt. H. Mc Cafferty
Bangor
Sept 26 1846
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Topsham Brunswick

Rangoon Dec. 21. 1870

Very dear Father,

Your last letter was joyfully rec'd Thanksgiving eve, as also one from Sis Fuller. I know not whether Mother or any of the folks have written to you since that time or not. For my part I have found no time to write before, and am writing now Sabbath day between meetings when I ought to be better employed! My pen is also poor my ink not good and fingers cold, so you may expect an interesting letter.

If you have not had letters from home recently, you will want me to tell all the news, and if you have, you can hear it over again. Ann and Eliah went home to spend Thanksgiving week, and "Miss Albina" spent the day at our house too. A busy, confused week. Worked hard of course to get a good dinner, & harder still to eat it! Ann went home determined to take me back with her. 'Cordingly' here I am. She needed my assistance in school, and I to board at a place (Sidney Thaxter's, Hanson St.) where half a dollar per week is paid in tuition - three children go to Ann's school - and I knit & sew evenings to pay the rest.

The oldest child, a girl nine years old, is learning by nature - can write decently well and one reason they wanted me to come is on account of helping her to school. I have a very pleasant situation which is very beneficial to me in many ways. Very clever people here I guess. Open hearted, generous sort of folks. My greatest concern & meanings is for Mother. She needs my company as well as help. She must feel very lonely. Do try & write to her often won't you, also to me. We are very much indeed obliged for Provincial Philosophy. I like it exceedingly. To look you could have sent would please us better. I help Ann some in school, & some I draw & study French. I don't know as a need

edge of those branches will ever be any real benefit to me, but perhaps I can afford to spend my time to get there merely for pleasure, as I am do it without expense!

I forgot to tell you that I rec'd an invitation by mail "per order of the Committee and M. J. Tash & C. W. Haley" to attend the scholars Pic Nic at the close of the last term; so when we started for Bangor, Charles got a double sleigh, took both horses and he, Linn, Eliot and I went through Dover. When we 'arrove', to our disappointment, mortification & dismay, we found the Pic Nic was the week before! Confessings of our P. M. in not delivering the letter when Charles was at the office, and confessions in me in not noticing the date or recollecting the time the term always closes. However it was no matter, all passed off well - We saw the folks spent the night at Wm. Parker's & round about, had a fine time, beautiful weather, started next morning came through Exeter, dined at Wm. Cutler's & arrived in the city about eight in the evening.

I suppose you have heard from Almeda. Don't know as you have either. Little Lizzy has been very sick with Canj fever, so that for some days her life was despaired of. Doctor's bill will be bad for her. I attended the Baptist Sewing Circle at Francis Pritchard's the other eve, saw there one Joseph Treat, Jos's room-mate. Do you know him? Saw Jos. says there have been first rate Josephs got together at Weston's! Sarah Treat is in town now, at Broadstreet Moodys, our next neighbor and relative of Thurston. I like Jos. we must call on her. She is a fine young Lady if report may be depended on. Such are very rare in this age of the world and should be duly appreciated. Don't you so? The week before I came from home I rec'd an application from S. Agent in Saybrook to teach their school this winter. Thought I would'nt. Our people are making great preparations for Christmas. All going to a party but me. Wish you could be here & spend the evening with

me. Mr. Shaplin expended ten dollars last year in Christmas presents! He is a firm methodist. Real pleasant sociable, clever man. Most Sat. eve commues a series of Union lectures alternately at (Mr. Pomroy's and Hammond St. I do truly believe that the prevailing opinion that our good friend Pomroy is strongly inclined to intolerance is not without foundation.

I don't think of any more news, and as for thinking enough to write any thing else, I am so hurried and my poor brain so confused it is out of the question.

Ann's school is pleasanter than usual - few boys - about 35 scholars - no large ones. She is 'doin' of course, short days teaching school. Jos. is the same thinking, querying, studious fellow as ever, - boards only two or three doors from me. Eliat prospers as usual. I have not seen him since I came here (a fortnight since) like this noon before meeting - five minutes. So you may conclude that in the ordinal drive, he is doin'; or he would call to see me often. Mr. Shaplin is in company with William Jewell, corn & flour dealers. An Odd Fellow besides.

Why don't you be an Odd Fellow or S. of T. or something so as not to differ from your brethren? People in Milo seem to be waking up a little about building a meeting house, but there is no one to take the lead unless it be Charles & he certainly cannot do much. The S. of T. hall is completed. Will probably be used for Universalist meeting house. All the new comers lately seem to be Universalists. I wish we were all family out of Milo. It seems probable now that C. will spend his days there.

I wish he would get married & put an end to the gossip. It is high time. I rather think they will 'wed' before Spring, but don't know. You must come to the wedding at any rate. Albina is teaching school in the east part of the town. Olive Foster the small school in the Village, E. Barker the Langsons & Mr. Nason at the corner. I am quite absented of this letter, but perhaps it will be better than nony, and I'll try to write again better ere long.

Affectionately Sister Jane.

Mr. Isaac S. Thurlow
Brunswick
Maine

Mr. H. Hoyt
Bangor
Dec. 24th 1846

Dec. 26th 1846
Lafayam
Via Bruns

Milo Nov. 30th 1914.

Bro. Tibbits

Sir

I recd your Letter last evening

Bangor Jan 8th 1915

Dear Brother Isaac

You will excuse me for using a sheet on which another letter was commenced (a negative answer to an application from Le Seur to teach School this winter) as it must be used sometime & as well now perhaps as any time. Your Letter of the 26th ult. was recd in due season, for which please accept my hearty thanks.

It certainly does one good to receive Letters from one's friends. As Proverbial Philosophy says, "Ever should we ask our judgement of that which hath most profit in the world, for answer take thou this- the pondered penning of a Letter". What a book that is- it has something on every subject, for every occasion. So many wise sayings, beautifully, thoughtfully expressed, and always so true to nature. I am almost afraid I shall quote it as Scripture sometime; as friend Walker's class do Shakespeare. One of them quoted a passage from that Author as Scripture. Bro. W. told him it applied very well, but was taken from Shakespeare, not Bible. The pupil turned the joke by saying that Shakespeare was quoted so often by their teacher that he supposed it might pass current!

Poor 'Asa' has no mercy shown him by any body now a days, unless it be by the members of his beloved fireside circle. I am very glad you went your journey & glad you enjoyed it so much. Wish I could have gone with you too! Am content to remain in blissful ignorance with regard to the particular business of your journey.

Our Lowell cousins seem to be somewhat dispersed, but prosperous, notwithstanding, are they not? So you saw "Uncle J.". Large as life, I suppose. Trafton & Richer (our old school-fellows, you know) board nea. Cr no., so near that I have the pleasure of seeing "Bill, the Cyc" every day as he passes to & from his place of business. He looks more sensible than he used to.

I go to Singing School two evenings in a week to one Mr. Lucas from Mass. He pleases me with a ticket & I use it. He makes great pretensions, and is, I think, an excellent teacher, though a very disagreeable man - egotistical, self important and cross. I am in William Dow's class in S.S. School, as is also Sarah Hanlow. By the way I was informed by way of Althea Kittredge and Lucretia Hasbrook that you were very partial to the said Sarah, and that she was equally partial to you! Correct report, or not.

I must tell you of the splendid Antiquarian Concert at Hammond St. New Year's eve. All the old folks got together and sing all the old tunes and anthems they could find. I do wish Mother could have heard them, she would have enjoyed it so much. Abel Dr. Abbott and Dea. Thurston beat the time with so much zeal I had serious fears lest they should dislocate their shoulders!

Dea. T. sometimes beat with both hands, leaned forward with head up & eyes shut, and while singing some of the most enrapturing strains ecstacy stood on tiptoe. They made music I'll assure you. Cut it was fine to see how excited some of them were. Object of the concert to provide fuel for destitute families. House crowded and tickets 25 cts. I went with Mr. Boston

He is a real kind, noble-souled, generous, fellow I think. I like him much and her too. Spose you had a bit of a present New Years didn't you? Wish we could some of us send you more and often. Christmas eve I found a Muff box in the entry directed to me containing a very pretty black muff. A very acceptable present indeed as I needed one much. I leave you to judge whether Brother Jos. or old "Sandy Claws" kindly placed it there.

Last year Mr. T. laid out upwards of ten dollars in Christmas presents. Charles was down here this week I saw him but a very few minutes. Guys he and Mother are rather lonely sometimes. He ought to get married.

January 14th — Jos. is going to send a letter to you sometime "for sure" and I'll just run in with it, though perhaps if I'd waited a while I might have had some more news to write. You must excuse me from writing a great deal this winter as I hardly have a moments time I can call my own except Sundays. Write to me again soon won't you — Good bye — affectionately

Sister Lucy.

Mr. Peter Mead
Burnsville
Yancey Co.
N.C.

Mr. Isaac L. Britton
Burnsville
Yancey

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Mills Branch 20th 1941.

Dear Father Sam.

I want to write you a good long letter but I have been so confused with the events of the past three or four weeks, that I hardly know where to begin, or what to say. However I'll try to communicate what I with, though not, perhaps, in a very systematic manner.

Ann & I came home Monday Mar. 1st (a very cold, windy day) with Charles. About a fortnight before that, little Freddy Hamlin died - Wm. S's youngest - a fine boy of eighteen months. He was sick about three weeks - I had helped take care of him some, was there one or two nights &c. and what with fatigue, excitement and a severe cold, got "run down". So that for a week after I came home was quite sick, threatened with fever &c. But as good luck would have it, happened to be at Mrs. Shepherd's, and she nursed me up nicely was very kind indeed. Got a little better so I could come home, but took more cold on the way and was quite unwell for a while, - cough, pain in the side &c. So that had to relate, I could not attend the wedding! I am now quite smart, only have hardly regained my strength.

Well as I said, we came home Monday, and the night week Tuesday John Cutler & wife happened along on a visit, - they went to Mrs. Mims Nelsons. came back & stayed till Friday. Thurs. about noon Mar.

11 P.M. Jos should come, but Joseph, Elijah & Lizzie Twomby
Liz. came to visit me, at Mrs. Sis, Grandmas &c. We
were then all in the midst of extensive preparations
of all sorts, house all in confusion, of course. Lizzie
took off her things, got warm & in less than an hour was
telling tales, laughing &c. in spite of any body. A real
lively, sometimes, pretty body, as ever was anywhere. Jos
& Elijah a capital trio, if they should make such a bar-
gain - Good deal of joking on both sides. For instance,
That they are engaged &c! Well the same day at 5 o'clock
P.M. all but Mr & Mrs. Cutler, Brother & S, repaired to
Father Kittredge's, at which time and place Edwin
& Albina were made husband & wife by pond-
Jerrall. Olive Farber & Liz. Twomby, Sisters maids. Jos.
& Elijah Groomsmen. After the ceremony they all
came directly home, where were assembled some 30
or so, of our "friends & neighbors" to spend the evening.
Helen Brown, Grandmas, Hicks, Dennetts, Farbers
Chamberlins, &c. We had a good supper, a merry com-
pany & every thing passed off pleasantly, better
than we any of us expected, though I did'nt enjoy
it very much because I could'nt be about among
them much. Next day, Mr. Cutler went home, & on
Friday
Sat. Joseph Ann & Elijah went back to Bangor. Lu-
cinda to go at the same time but was not well enough.
Lizzie Twomby spent almost a week here, went away
last Tuesday. We get along very happily & pleasantly
with Albina. Pleasant, willing to do as folks tell
her. She & Charles enjoy themselves finely - "Every

moon" you know. Last Wednes. night Mr. Shepherd, from Bangor with whom Linn & I rode, spent the night here. We wished you, and Almeida too, could have been here on the memorable occasion. Charles gets married so seldom that I really felt quite disappointed at not seeing him We often talk about it & feel sorry bad that there cannot be more done for you, but know not how to help it. There is justly due you from Charles a hundred dollars, but with the present peculiar management of affairs here, it seems to be hard work each year to live along, & pay the taxes. I did feel really grieved when the colt was sold & found that nothing was going to you, and Charles seemed to feel as bad as any body, but it seems impossible to do it. I cannot but think that if some man had the management of C.'s property it might be made to yield much more profit; still I do not attribute blame to him. He is not gifted by nature with a capacity for "getting a living" as some men are & for that reason I see no prospect that it will ever be different with him. Nevertheless, when worst comes to worst, we generally contrives to get along some way & do what must be done, - for that reason, I do hope & believe he will be able to do something for you this summer. I think he wants to as much as we can want to have him. I wish it was in my power to help you, but instead of that I have to be helped by the boys. Hardly know what will become of me if my health is not going to be good. Linn is very anxious to have me go back to Bangor, as she needs my help, and 'tis a good chance for me, - I think I shall go in a week or two if

Do you hear from, or write to, Almeda any often. She does not write home often. We have written to her since the wedding. Expect a letter from her every day. Charles was much gratified with your letter to him. What about your going to New Hampshire? Don't understand it. So Jos. you write from, to us, N. Ho. What is it. The Runnies in Mile have elected a Board of Select men! Would you have believed it. Your new sister sends love & wishes you success. With you send a piece of Wedding Cake - It was very nice.

March 29th 1841

Dear

Rev. Wm. Lord
Allen 93

Wm. Lord & P. Brewster
Brunswick
Maine

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Mrs. H. Mosely
Nilo
March 29th 1841
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Write if you want anything that we can
get for you. Must be done in three days
when you come down.

Bangor Apr. 16th 1847.

Dear Brother

I rimmed your kerchief, but had no opportunity to give it to the boys until after they sent to you a letter, so it will have to wait till another time.

The seal I have just finished. It is so pretty, I think of keeping it myself instead of giving to you! It may do to keep till I see you, as it will not send in a bundle very well. Some of the letters were blotted out you know so I did not put them in — if you can make out to read them in a letter I'll finish it. Those at the top are wanting. Received a bit of a letter from Brother yesterday by F. W. Furber. She had just heard from Almeida. Lizzie had had the mumps and a very severe fever, & then had the chicken pox. Am afraid they have not any of them enjoyed their visit very much Lizzie was sick so much. Mrs. Shaw's eldest boy was taken sick suddenly last night — Had not his senses all night nor since to-day. We are all well only Ann, Forsyth and I have bad colds — have not been out since Sunday. Ann has a sore throat and I some cough — Go. got one a little of Emily's till.

Some. Great cannon firing and rejoicing over the Vera Cruz victory Wednesday. We have discovered a new kind of drawing pencils at the bookstore, which are very good, but which we don't exactly understand. Can you give us any light? The box containing seven pencils is lettered as follows;

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" 3. W. W. W.		4. mittelweich
" 4 W.		5. hart
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" 6 HB. HB.		7. sehr hart.
" 7 HB. HB. HB.		Kanzley stifte.

The pencils are all labelled "D. Koch Regensburg" and marked as above according to their number. What mean they? We suppose it to be German Lingo, but need an interpreter. The pencils are of an excellent quality - fifty cents a box. Angelo Bennett & Francis are both now taking Galvanism. They think it very beneficial, though Mrs. Weston's folks think Sarah in Consumption - past recovery. I fear she is. I attend the new church and S. S. with Joseph. Judge - or Deacon McDonald is my teacher. I have the pleasure frequently beholding J. Newton, as he attends that meeting. Looks just as he always did - Don't know me

& guests. Sister Shaffer is better - doing nicely. Almeida writes that she has engaged a lot of gravestones at Worcester - Gilbert pays all but five dollars delivered at Boston. She is coming home as soon as the travelling will admit. Shall we go to Orono May day or not?

What, do tell me what, shall I say to Sam Foster? He thinks, & rightly too, I suppose, that he has waited long enough for an answer; but dear me! I have no answer for him, I'm sure. I cannot decide either what is duty, expediency, or inclination! Am I foolish or wrong in ~~being~~ unable to make a decision, when it is now comparatively nothing? Hum!

I do earnestly desire you to come here some Sat. and spend the Sabbath. Mr. F. is a real good friend, sort of an uncle, and would be glad to see you - besides I didn't see you hardly any visit at all, and dear Father cannot be at home when you go, so do come, with Mary.

Apr. 22d I've just gone out. I've been to Mr. Weston's Circle night - and a Circle attended great parts at Mr. Allen's. I have been writing for an opportunity to send this with books &c. will give to the boys & let them & mama.

Good bye, in haste Lizzie

Love.

I've not yet finished my letter

Mr. Thomas Hall
Bungay
Suffolk

1847

Brussels

Boise, June 15th 1947

Dear Brother

I did see you in "our theatre" at Mr. Shepherd's. The clouds did continue to show our work [illegible] during vacation and then [illegible] yesterday morning.

Since mail delivery is now put up to [illegible] I'll write you, Mrs. L and Mrs. S. are reading below stairs so I can [illegible] to you all by myself. I was much disappointed at not seeing you again before you went. I sat up late after Lin & Mrs. L, thinking you and Mr. would call when you went by, and then was up very early in the morning to see you, but whether you passed in [illegible] I cannot tell, [illegible] gone to the ferry with Mrs. L known the new going. Last Sunday, the 8th inst. came for me in a beautiful four wheeled chaise with crimson damask cushions, to escort me to Mrs. L's. We had a fine ride. Night warning in Afghanistan a little about noon, while the fighting was being resumed, but soon ceased. It remained warm and cloudy until about 5 P.M. when we were all [illegible] when the rain poured down. On account of the disorder I did not go out to witness Chinese singular performances, but those who did, said the surpassed your beyond their expectations, though it was considerably emphasized. She looked very pretty indeed, as did her girls. From the front seat of Mr. Wyandt's where the footmen [illegible] the procession moved to the hall, (Mrs. L into it, as they could not near all get in) and Mrs. L to an address from Mr. Tait, which was very good - very publicly written, but not so much [illegible] - really curious, I should say, [illegible] to

natural deficiency in oratory, and partly to the crowd and improper finish of the room. He has not voice enough for a speaker, and what he has is not good. Do you recollect how he used to murder compositions, reading them, sometimes?

Well, after the Address, lo! a Pic Nic dinner on the Island. A good long table plentifully supplied with common food, with a row of Maple logs on either side, planted for the occasion. All looked very well, arranged very properly - much better than I had expected. Dennetts, Hills, Sam Leaps Lowneys &c. were there, as was also your Uncle Hesiah! About six hundred in all it was said.

Daniel Dennett made a long speech - or puff. Quite a number of toasts & Conundrums; some very apropos & witty. Mr. Seth and sister came to our house to tea, and then went home in the rain. Leaving her parasol behind. On the whole, a very good time. People generally well pleased I presume. Thurs. A. M. rained hard, about noon cleared away - Sam and I journeyed back to Bangor, beguiling the tediousness of the way by pleasant converse upon subjects befitting the occasion! I stay at Mr. Shepherds with Ann during my stay in Bangor, the length where of is not yet fully determined - probably one, three or four weeks. She pays my board, I think I must get rich & pay some back again) and I go to the school some, and some stay at home and sew.

Am making your shirts - most done - send them right on by Mr. Shepherd in about a week. When I go home, going to take some cloth & make you some more. Mother told me how destitute you were. Poor fellow! wish these could have been done for you to take with you.

Must tie you while I think of it. Sincerely Yours.

tow and I have renewed our acquaintance. He "sits and sings" at the hall, and so do I sometimes. I judge he is a good-hearted, clever fellow. What a deal of rainy weather we have. It rains every other day, regularly, here. Good season for grass & oats &c. but Strawberries will be neither fair & fear. The Potatoes promise an abundance of fruit. I expect to go home somewhere about the first of July. I shall get the Strawberries. I feel much better than when you were here. Whether my ride up County is the cause, or the medicine Dr. Mc. Burr gave me, or the change of boarding place, I have then come round, I know not. This is a fine place up here; different from town on Harlow St. Low, damp, foggy (mornings) and dusty there - no good air. Here we get real country breezes. Wate is a most beautiful street, lined with shade trees on both sides. Besides I do love to live in the sunshine. The sunshine of the heart is not in presence of Mrs. Thaxter nowadays. Her health is very poor - nervous, irritable &c. Mr. Thaxter is a very estimable man. I don't [illegible] anything where I do fine times here.

Sam brought me the second Vol. of "Washington and his Generals" tother night. Have you seen the book? It is very indeed interesting. I should advise you to read his "Bonaparte and his Marshalls".

Have you ever read it, or travels in Italy? The boys have some idea of getting a Carryall, Saturday before the 4th and taking Ann, Liz. Quimby & I to Wells, leave one there and come back Monday. As the 4th comes Saturday, Monday will be celebrated & time won't have to keep school. Won't that be nice? I am going home - you know, and they all must the ride. Do write good long letters often. Angelia Dennett returns to Wells soon as also Mehitable Farber. She is visiting in N. H. now returns in a week or two. Good bye. Affectionately

Sister Emma.

I am a little afraid the bosoms of shirts are not long enough, but hope they are and will fit well - mean to write you another, for after I go home, and do you want bosoms in them or not - write soon -

Miss L. R. Metcalf
Bangor
June 15th 25th 1847

Mr. Isaac S. Nelson
Saint Croix
Bonsmouth

June 26th 1847
Bowdoin Coll.

Mills Aug. 31st 1847

Dear Brother

Was rec'd this P. M. the following letter, the seal of which Mother thought proper to break, and which I will transcribe and forward to you; hoping it will reach you before you leave Brunswick.

Northfield Aug. 25th /47.

Dear Cousin

I heard at Warwick a few days since that you were desirous to obtain a situation as Assistant in some Engineering party. I have made application to A. F. Edwards Esq. Chief Engineer of the Vt. and Mass Rail Road, who resides in this place. I told him you were acquainted with the Theory, and wished for an opportunity to learn the practical part.

Mr. E. thought he could give you employment. Will let me know in a few days. If he does, will wish to have you come immediately. The compensation will be $30, a month at first.

Please inform me if you would like the situation, and I will let you know the result as soon as possible.

We are all in good health, and wish to be affectionately remembered to all our friends.

Truly Yours
J. A. Stevens.

We at first thought of enclosing the original of the above, but feared you might be gone from Brunswick before it reached there, and in that case lose it entirely, so I have copied it, suppo-

time it will answer every purpose. If you have not engaged elsewhere, and conclude to go, you will come home first, won't you? Come home and stay a few days at least and get your things all fixed up nice and comfortable. I want you to write soon as you can, whether you got those skirts from Mrs. Shepherd, and how you liked them. I wish to know whether to make yours here with bodices, or make the bodices separate. Also, how many dollars you want inside. Give me instructions and I will leave all and attend to fixing your things. I can't bear to think of your not coming home before you go away to stay all winter. I was so much hurried during that sewing for Jos. and Elick, while you were here, that it seems as if I did'nt see you any hardly. I seemed to have an idea all the while that you were going to stay a good while longer.

Sam was at Mrs Saturday and Sunday. came up partly to see Mr. Grumley about Moses. I believe it is pretty much decided that Joseph has him, but must pay his board if he does.

Martha Alice has visited here today. Blah, blah not a word about "that dollar"! Fred. Lorin, Nain and Abby called here again. Abby is going on to meet Mabel Fred. at Boston in three or four weeks, to be married. Folks say 'tis quite romantic to elope, but not so pretty to elope alone! Shall I write any more gossip, or leave you now to contemplate the business part of the letter? Guess the latter will be the wiser course, especially as it is pretty late in the evening. Will just say, however, that Charles has about done haying - That is, has been, for some time past cutting second hay! He has been mowing some oats too. The corn ripens beautifully - no frost yet.

You will write as soon as you get this with you. Let us know where you are, where you are going, and what you want done for you. We were expecting a letter from you today. Good night

Affectionate Sister
Lucy

Mr. Curtis from Bangor and Daniel Dennett Jun. debated at the Village Hall ~~evening last~~ the one against the other in favor of Slavery. We did none of us go as usual. Great gathering. Dennett pretty much "used up," people said.

I shall on my Return to Boston, by Invitation
Am afraid it is now too late to be
to get it in time Cannot Comply
with your wish -

Mr. Isaac S. Bradley
Bowd. Sqre.
Brunswick
Maine

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July 24th 1841

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Mier y N. Mexico July 24th 1841.

My dear Brother

The Spirit moves me to commence a letter to you, in answer to yours of the 3d inst. which is, I think the last one I have received from you. Perhaps it may be foretold in me to write just now as we may soon be at home (so soon) and my inability I should not, if you did not complain so bitterly of your; which complaints, however, I think are unfounded or nearly so. I assure you I was recently endowed your letters truly kind after receiving them, dear Sis. We received yesterday a good long epistle from you. With regard to my matters, you doubtless know now glad I should be to assist you, or to serve you effectual, but as it is entirely out of my power to do anything, I may not waste words in vainly wishing and conjecturing, though I do hope friends will be able to do something for your Son. He thinks, talks and concludes a great deal about it, and really seems to fear you, but I fear he concludes in vain sometimes, it would be a little to late. He is a dear good child, willing to do all he can. I hope you will succeed in getting a pension in Ruhl Court, as it would, I should think, be pleasanter, and particularly more profitable circumstances than now.

You observed sundries in your last, which I will endeavor to fill order. Should we remain

manner of procedure by the Union and I shall rejoice over the entire, and by the oft repeated contentment which greet my ears, of Democracy down in the fields.

The Rose Vitis flowers last year & grand mass of vegetation. It is very fine, an enable & Virgin to [illegible] last time, yet I feel almost inclined to rebuke you for sowing seeds so promiscuously and so near [illegible] you can possibly grow them well. The Pansies & Biennials have looked and continued to look splendidly. The Nasturtiums is now in full bloom, perfuming the air with its fragrance, as do also the pinks and sweet peas. Sweet Williams, Lilies and Canterbury Bells are very handsome. Our Cactus (Prickly Pear) is in effulgence - Cactus fiend. The flowers are not quite as large as expected. Delicate streamers, with the side of a common wineglass. About dozen petals - seven stigmas on the ovary. The "Cactus Orchard" I believe does not amount to much

We have Rhubarb pies and sauce in great abundance. The reason Mother died not [illegible] was perhaps given in her Card, was it not. How I hesitate about your questions. About the Dictionary, I like very much & would like it, & I need it much for a model in figuring work, but if you are planning time to send it I will not. Under no circumstances would I send a gift dictionary to Cuba. As for a Bicycle, I suppose I can get one for, for I believe I still have that "Bicycle" is! Please inform me. I am a great lover girl. Last night Charles carried Lilie & I each on Christmas Dancer, the same one Ben got a few days ago for Lilie. Dancer, wife and Charles Williams with his wife and child are here. Returned to noisy metropolis & concealed. Inhabitable Tuesday evening last week. Love to you

Mills Oct. 1st 1847

Very dear Brother

Your letter of the 24th and 5th inst, was five minutes ago put into my hand. Half an hour "too late" as usual to send your things by today's mail. We have sent punctually for the mail every day - expecting to receive letters from you requiring immediate attention - until last night; as it rained, and Charles was going this morning, we neglected it, for which I am now very sorry, fearing it may occasion you inconvenience. All your things have been in readiness these three or four weeks waiting for C. to go to Bangor, which he has been expecting to do "tomorrow or next day" ever since you went away. They will all be sent to Bangor Monday if we have no opportunity before that time.

I am very glad if you have obtained a good situation there, and quite as sorry that you cannot come home a while first. I did hope you would. As you said you will have a hard, cold, winter's work. You must try to keep warm and take good care of yourself. I should have written to you before now, but until we rec'd your last letter to Brother by sent mail did not know where to direct a letter. Am glad if you get it's gitted all right, and when like you get them from Mrs. Stapleton. I have made another pr which I send, also a pr of shirts - which I very much fear will not fit, as I made them in such without any pattern or guide. I think you will find them very convenient, and like them, if nightly made. Brother has much regretted your "Indigestion" coal. so I think it will do you good service. As soon as you send I will send. My Provincial Philosopher is oh

Bangor, and Col. Lee has yours, but I will endeavor to get it. You say nothing about "Upham" so I will keep it here. I have been reading it Coad for the public good. I have got just through the Vol. I. & 2. It is very good, nice, interesting.

How much mischief did I do to your watch & pin? A good deal. Very sorry. I suppose you have enjoyed yourself finely for a few weeks past - gallivanting upon delicious fruit in the "Land of your Fathers" Though it is not pleasant I know to be waiting, & peeking. I should like to go there once, just to see where Father lived and where he was laid to rest. I suppose "the folks" would neither know nor care anything about me, but I should not care for that. You were a good boy to write such a good long particular letter. I am sure I should know Aunt Dorcas, I have heard so much about her!

A letter came for you a few days since from one Francis Cushing at Jonesport, requesting you to interest yourself about finding a school for him this winter. I will send it to you. Mother says it is my duty to answer it. So I will, to save your credit, lest he may think you neglectful, not knowing you are gone.

I send your shaving box - don't know whether you want it or not. My Bror. Phil. is at Bangor - Gomes at Mr. Lee's and I cannot well get it from there.

I surmise Aleck Jos. Treat and Angella Emmons will one day form a Treat-y, if they have not already done so. Think you I am correct?

All the books you mentioned I have put in. Coast Hints I presume are already in your trunk. Do not find them here. Joan Cashell was married last week. Abby Lee Stanley left week for Bangor, to meet her intended and enter into "matrimonial bliss"

I expect to take comfort here with Mother this winter - perhaps for the last time - reading your books &c. &c.

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I feel glad you have got a situation if it is one that suits you but I do feel a good deal disappointed that you are not coming home this fall— but I will hope that you will have a chance to come after working there a while and not be out in that business in the bitter cold weather

I want to say something to you about exposing your health in every possible way &c &c and tell you how ungentlemanly and anti aristocratic it is or anything to make you act better but the girls say let him alone he is old enough to take care of himself— well do it that's a good boy. And my dear Dear Son do not in your multiplicity of thoughts neglect the Bible always remember that "wisdom is the principle thing"

C. has got the interval cleared to make a place for the cows, he thinks he shall have at least 50 bushels of corn (in all)— 10 loads of pumpkins on the intervale beside a great lot of Beans and Carrots & turnips

I hope you have visited your cousin Andrew Lake's very, a very sensible woman, cousin Mary Barbers Daughters very lovely girls — & why in nature did'nt you visit at Mr. Martin's Boylston I can hardly forgive you I mean I wish you had— & at Mr. Benj Heywoods if you could have time

I am really glad you have had a chance to spend a little season about the ____ I could too — I want you very much for your good long letter of May. There are many things and folks I should like to hear about. I feel thankful that you are such a good boy about writing letters— be not weary in well doing

I am very ignorant about your employment I want to know more about it whether it is very very hard and very difficult whether you will have any time to read & study. what kind of company you will be in (by the way I will just suggest to you the expediency of carrying a little bundle of Tracts with you to scatter along as you find opportunity) We have had a fortnight of rainy weather almost every day it has rained more or less— but today is very fine and beautiful. I shall have "lots" of Tomatos not quite ripe yet but I guess they will be— the corn is very full and sound much better than any we have raised before

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however I may be disappointed - may not enjoy as much as I anticipate. We know not what a day may bring forth - I am in much haste - cannot write - will try to write more and better next time. Do write good long letters often and take good care of yourself. God bless -

Very affectionate Sister Lucy

Jos. did not send me any tin for you. but told me to make you spoons of his which was here - so I did, but fear they will be too short. I made over two collars - had not time to make more - Good night

Your inlaws, send top &c. Mother thinks had better not go, as tis bad putting them in a bottle -

Mr. C. T. Mullen
Northfield
Vt.

Feb. 11th 1874
Baltimore

Glad we got for your spoons.

Mile Oct 26th 1847.

Very dear Brother Isaac

A good large Package of letters was rec'd last Sat. eve by S. W. Foster, which did make us glad. We had been confidently expecting letters from you for some mails. You are a dear good Brother to write so particularly and long. We love to know all about you - your business every day &c. if you are so far away from us. Hope you will continue good in that as every other respect. We shall feel very anxious about you through this long cold winter. Shall think of you often while we are warm and comfortable around the fire, and you away so far from us, exposed to so much cold and wind and storms.

Nevertheless we are glad for you - because you seem to feel that you have succeeded beyond your expectations in obtaining a good situation. You did not write what are to be your wages, nor anything about it. You complain that it was a long time before you heard from home after you went away, and so it was. But you recollect in your first letter from Bangs. you did not tell us where to direct letters to you, and we knew not where you might be. I wanted to write, and should had I known where. Mary's your shirts, bosoms &c. Linited you. We found another pair pants after the things were sent to Bangor which ought to have been put in. Your Geology I think ought to, and should have sent - also Magnet, shaving box, and some other things, but Mother thought you would not wish to have your trunk encumbered with many books &c.

It is very cold - Squally - today. Charles is at work on Hay ie hill - joined Simes, he said. Lucian digging potatoes - most done, rotted considerable. Mother spattering butter down cellar - has been writing letters to Bangor Lutheran to go by Samuel tomorrow - Albina baking cake, because her mother and Mrs. Smith are coming here

Tomorrow Jane finishing shoot and singing as usual. Edmund & the children prosper as usual. Fannie is a real good steady little boy - has done most all his mother's harvesting this fall! It has rained a great deal within a few weeks. The river is very high. Have been expecting a freshet. Mr. Sargent bought the Sebec and Athinson ferry boat a few weeks since of one of the select men, and took it down here - Mr. Snelling had previously bought it of another one and insisted on keeping it - So he hired men to take it down river & up the Sebec to the mills. They got it fastened on a rock where it yet remains, entirely under water, broken to pieces by the dashing waves - in an unget-offable fashion. Total loss. Mr. Sargent felt quite disturbed about it at first. Charles has a fine lot of corn - between 50 and 75 bu. he thinks. More than easily husked. Has plowed up all the east field. Getting along finely with fall work. Eben Greenleaf has taken up housekeeping. Children all sent away. Col. Lee and wife are going to live with Ellen at Brownville this winter. Aron and Martha have gone. She to Iron Mountain - he to Efford. Hector Sargent has moved into his house. Old Caddy Kidder lives alone in her part. Abby gone to Lawrence married. Marshall there too. Nathan Sargent married to Mr. Cushing's wife's sister. Lives on the homestead. Lucretia Hasbell is not married. Is in a tailor's shop at Bangor. Lizzie Quimby is engaged to her cousin West Point Falcons. Married next Spring.

Samuel was offered last week $80.00 to work from mch 1st April to Nov. at Hampden - Sixty dolls. per month says 'tis more than he can make in the store. No labor, either, hardly - only care. Just the account of time of a crew of men &c. I think your descriptions of our Uncles and Aunts are rather droll, to say the least - One grown in a great pot - another likened to a Carrot grown in a tin tube! Think they would feel themselves flattered. I should like to be acquainted with some of them, really.

Sattarth eve. Oct. 31st

This letter would have been completed and forwarded before were it not that we

had a good many company's last week. Mrs. Smith Mrs. Fitzhugh, Olive Tucker and Aunt Polly &c. &c. so I could not get time to write. Olive Tucker is going to the Teacher's Institute at Fayette - wants me to go. I want to go very much, but alas! for the kibils to pay my board. I was at Col. Lee's yesterday. He told me I ought to go. I spose you fancies that my pen is very hard, but 'tis late, and I can't spare time to go after another. We began today to hold meetings in the hall. The seats are very uncomfortable, but the room is larger warmer, and easier to speak in than the Sch. H. House.

Has Ann written to you about Pres. Shepherd - How the very day he put up his publishment, his Lady Love wrote to him that her "affections were centered elsewhere" Alas! poor Pres! I pity Thee - Though in my little, I cannot restrain my laughter. I did dislike him very much indeed. I have not finished the Restauration yet, but intend to do it very soon. I hope also to get time in the course of the winter to draw a morning for Father. I have a very pretty pattern. Upham I have been reading Evenings - Commenced it very soon after you went away - Have got nearly through the 2nd Vol. Mother and I take real comfort with it. A. does not comprehend much, and Charles hurks over most every evening nowadays. Quite a number of your books I want to read. Hope I shall not suffer for reading so much this winter as in times past.

Miriam went to Iron works last week - said there was a man offered 125.00 for Nelly. Horses and cattle are very high. Mr. Lane came last week and fixed the pumps. How glad we were! I am positively ashamed to send this Confu[illegible] letter. But 'tis late, and I suppose you would like it as it is rather than wait another mail - so I'll do it up. Do be careful of your health and not expose yourself more than is necessary. It may injure your constitution if you do not feel it now.

will endeavor ere long to write a more interesting and
short letter. You will write as often as you can.
Love to all friends. Good night. Good night.

Ever affectionately
sister Lucy.

Can you induce an R. B. to come only a little ways
& come from myself & L. M.

Miss L. M. May
Care of Col. Jos. May
Boston
Mass.

Mrs. S. J. Woodbridge
Care of H. Edwards Esq
Pittsfield
Mass.

Oakland Ave
Northampton
Mass.

Lucy
Nov 28th 1847
Dec 8th 1847
Dec. 8th 1847
Westfield

Phila Nov. 22d 1847

Dear Brother Isaac

It is sabbath day. Mother and I at home alone. Mr. Jones "our Baptist brother" preaches at the Village. I have a mind whether it is really wrong to write letters to our kindred on Sabbath day, but I do not consider it a very good practice generally. In my case at present, however, I do not feel condemned, for it is very seldom now-a-days that I can have the quiet of a week day that I like when writing. We do not usually keep a fire in the sitting room, and you know that our little kitchen is in cold weather when we are all in it. [illegible] is quite a comfortable place.

Thanksgiving are we near, dear Brother your last letter dated Nov. 6th. which we were rejoiced to see, as we had been wondering for some days why we did not hear from you. Charles and Alfonso went home to "Father Hill-ages" to spend Thanksgiving. Returned at 10 o'clock P.M. bringing your letter &c. Almeda and the children were here & have gone away. We had a fine time all to ourselves with nobody but little Jennie to "carve the Turkey" alias chickens! I did wish you were here - I wanted to see you for one reason; and "again" as Jos. used to say, the stuffing was too highly seasoned for me, and would have just suited you! Wasn't that a good reason? I cooked all the Thanksgiving myself alone, to learn how! I fear [illegible] among us about having thankful hearts. The time is too much taken up getting dinner. Almeda went home before dark. Mother & I spent the evening alone, together! as we love to dearly, I reading Upham to her, and she listening, knitting with her specs on. Can't you see us both, with the table out before the stove. I have got most through Upham. Have read it all to her evenings & knitting meanwhile. Charles has been very much engaged with Smellie's Natural Phil.

Sofy. I am glad you left your books here. Don't know what we should have done this winter without them. I never did so much for something to read as winter before last when I was here at home, and the summer following at La. Eng. Isn't it aggravating when there are so many good books in the world, to be so situated as to be deprived of the benefit and comfort of reading them? I am getting more than usual interested with work this winter, but I do read evenings constantly. Mr. [illegible] comes, and go from home but little — nowhere to go. Baptist [illegible] preaching there in the S. of T. Hall — which arrangement people generally dislike. The church in town of Mr. Jones (Mc. Eng. or) hires the hall himself. Mr. Sewall will probably preach four times in the course of the year commencing in June last. The Teachers Institute I did want very much to attend — but — could not. Alice and John Foster, Stephen Kittredge &c. went. Had a very interesting time. Mr. Gillam from N. Y. and several other big folks there. Good many strangers. I am thinking of going to Bangor to spend two or three weeks by and by. Suppose I can go and return without expense. You say Rabbits are "miserable things"; "Sour grapes," eh? for you and I! I should much like a few, at any rate when I go to B. Samuel has business — dealing I believe — at Orono or somewhere down that way, to do which he will have to ride every Monday morning, and return sometime Sat. P.M. with, so I can probably get a ride to Bangor if I wish to go — only he has got an abominable common horse. One Geo. took for cloth — you know about it, I guess — It has been here two or three months; ever since you went away, till Alice was up with before last and took it back. She and Charles tried all one day and could not make him go. would throw himself down, and 'stay put' in spite of all their efforts and coaxings. Samuel likes the beast I suppose and bought him for $5.00. He seems to have a partiality for Donkeys, judging from his fondness for the old Etna mule! I will wait till I know when before I ask you to come home now Sofy! But you will certainly make your calculations

to come over you are welcome, so is you. I think you would have wanted your Botanical books this fall, having you? You regret that you did not get information in drawing last summer. Possibly it might have been some assistance to you, but I conclude our drawing is of a very different kind from yours, and done by different rules, or rather no rules at all compared with yours. I should suppose it would be much easier getting your lines &c. exact by the use of instruments than by mere skill as we do, though I am pretty certain you would not be soon acquire a correct eye. I am very glad if you anticipate an "easy time" this winter. I had supposed it would be very different.

I mentioned that Elijah was at home a while ago, but did not tell you that he came home sick. He was really quite unwell - pain in the side, very yellow skin and eyes and other symptoms of liver complaint. We feared he would be sick as I was, but he dosed with cherry pectoral &c. took a bottle of it back with him, and is now better than for some time past. We told him about Lizzy Swinney's marrying fellows and going off, having an effect on his health and spirits! I suspect, and he intimated, that there will be considerable effort and maneuvering by the Browns in Hampton's behalf. Gusf E. does not like her very much. Joseph writes that he has now the best boarding place he ever had since he went to Bangor. Elijah says there is a pretty girl there - a kniter of "fine stocking". Spose I will have any specs upon Jos. By the way, tell me all about Lucy Williams and her smart beau. I have an idea from all I have heard of her, that she is very handsome, very witty, very accomplished &c. &c. As for Cousin Harriet I suppose her to be a great good-natured, common sense, strong minded girl, very much like Uncle Joseph. Aunt and Cousin Hannah I did very much dislike, and all I hear confirms my former feeling. The rest I know nothing at all about only that Aunt Susan is very homely and very clever, and that Aunt Esther don't know how to manage children. I have a great desire to go there and see - and know something about them, but doubt whether I ever shall. I received a very good letter from Hannah

Tower the other day. Rebecca was married a few weeks since to Edward Swat of Enfield. Speaking of Sarah Holmes she says "we still keep up the name of friends, but how much misery one untrue friend can occasion". Says Gilman Clark spends most of his time at Mr. Holmes'. What is the trouble between Sarah and Mary? Do you know? I think Mary is a dear good girl, one who thinks too little of herself and is thought too little of by others generally. She is so dipficient, people do not get acquainted with her. I shall be very glad to keep her for a correspondent.

Rec'd recently an epistle from Naomi Hill at Lawrence Mass. also one from Sarah Fuller, Wisconsin, wherein she most affectionately visits me. There is not much news stirring heretowards. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have gone to Brownville to spend the winter with Ellen. Emeline has to stay up home keeping, so the house is uninhabited at present. Sarah Ann is married. Lyman and Rebecca expect soon to be; and Lydia Ann expects to enter into matrimonial bliss in the Spring I believe. Am not yet advised respecting the matrimonial alliances of the rest of the family, though doubtless they are doing what they can in the good cause.

Charles intends to kill the black cow tomorrow for beef. She is fat. Has not sold the Open yet. Has taken twelve sheep to winter for Hiram. He (Hiram) has just bought and brought home an Accordeon. We have sewing music enough.

You speak of your Orphan - I will take good care of it and keep it safely till you want it. Will that do? I have just read the above to Mother. She says there is nothing left for her to write so I'll stop short where I am, and bid you good night, though really, as I tell Brother, I think if there was anything worth writing, that is left, or at any rate, I have not been guilty of writing it. Write often as you can, write you dear brother, and in particular write good Mother's letters to Ann. She feels the neglect if you do not. Almeda too speaks of it now and then - though I tell her your letters are to all - because you never write to her. Suppose you should sometime write one of your own good letters all to her. It would gratify her very much. Good night. Good night

Mother says she I have taken away her last Affectionate sister Lucy - Says now! She was going to say as much to you as that I had said every thing there was to say, but I have anticipated her in that it seems. She says you will undoubtedly see the propriety of her waiting till some more favorable!

Brownsville Dec. 26th 1894

Dear Brother Isaac

Your dear good Xmas letters were received a few days since, and now Sabbath evening when we have got to rest but Mother and myself, I will [illegible] Then it will be completed. I do not like to stop after commencing a letter until it is finished, but 'tis late & I shall write but a few lines tonight, and I am now expecting every day to go to Bar. for. Have been waiting weeks for Shipping. We have had warm weather and frequent rains all the fall and winter [illegible] until within a few days. There is now a little cold — it is much however, but Mosquitoes are used now when sleeping. Spring is [illegible] winter here. We have. The most exciting topic for the community in this vicinity is that one small pox is in Brownsville. Two cases of it. There, one night, I believe in a woods camp [illegible]. The [illegible] into the woods by a Mulatto. They have a nice little camp in the woods and are not suffered to bring any more out to Brownsville. Dr. Shepherd has read the Varioloid. Our schools are all stopped for four weeks and Dr. Kimball is employed by the Select men to vaccinate. Some people are more easily frightened than is meet, you know. We had no meeting today, and shall not probably have many all winter. To see him at all hurt Bro. Jones, he has written me a beautiful appreciative letter which he has reciprocated. Bro. Jones was baptized. It is late, & with a mental hope and good night to you all — stop.

Dec. 30th Evening. Will "try to attempt" to finish this letter tonight. Vincent and Alice Farber spent last evening here. I have been at work three days and a half on my Herbarium and finished it — all the Ferns, Lilys and all — to date now. That is, have put in all my plants nicely, with descriptions &c. When you come home next Spring I'll let you take it and file

up the vacant places, if you please! Do you? I think I shall try to get another book to put in my "tame flowers" garden plants into. Have as many, I should think as wild ones, and very handsome. It is more work than I expected to fasten the plants in neatly, but they look pretty now they are done.

I received a letter of six pages from Joseph this week. A full account of his recent stormy journey to Boston. He has probably written you about it. Says when passing through Topsham a fat old lady came to the door and called after him "How does your wife get along." He thinking it of more importance to himself how he got along, neither stopped nor answered. She raised her voice aloud and called again "How does your wife do." So finding he could not get rid of her he seized the "bull by the horns" turned around and told her. What a queer fellow he is. A dear good fellow though, but I wish he had a little more sociality about him. He does not receive credit for what he deserves, among people generally, of kind intentions and good feelings. But I suppose you would rather read something else than a dissertation upon the characters of our brothers, would'nt you.

Well, would you believe it, - the old Cook house is finely moved up to the barn for a wood shed, calf pen and granary. It really looks quite respectable, but we are at quite a loss what name to bestow upon it. Can you advise?

You know I have considerable "crack-brain" about me, don't you. Well, I persist in keeping a fire in the sitting room day after day! Hiram helps me. Quite a gathering at Uncle Joseph's Thanksgiving day, was'nt there. By the way did you see Gov. Dana's Proclamation, which made so much noise and row about. One Minister in this state read it on Thanksgiving day, then read the whole of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, before commencing his sermon. Our friend Wooster Parker refused to read the Proclamation, and said he had spent one whole day searching the Bible for a text to suit the Gov. but unable to find one, had scribbled himself. Did you know that their little Mary died a few weeks since. Their furniture sold, I thought. Mr. P. has sold his place to Rev. Eusebius Hale, and boards with him. They had a real good time at the Institute, I guess. Mr. Sash got pretty

severely joked about the slovenly appearance of the Academy. Curtains been up six years without washing &c. Floors and benches horrible dirty Clara said. Mr. Gilman training Mr. S. well – told him the coats fitted & he must wear it. Made the poor little man blush. Cynthia Holmes is at Charlestown again at school. Rumor says her engagement with Mr. S. is broken off. He is going to keep house this winter. His sister for housekeeper. You inquire which Vol. of Upham I like best – I can't say so good I can hardly tell. Sensibilities is a little the most interesting – or easy to understand – perhaps. May I send I am going to read myself. Samuel wants to read it too. Shall I send it? I want he should read Upham. We have "Washington & his generals" here now. Charles reading it. I peeped into "Butler" a bit the other day, but my imagination, aided by your calling it hand reading, made it both quite unintelligible to me. Rather think I shall not try it. Your "Big-elow" was a great help to me. How much easier better than Mrs. Lincoln. Don't know what we should all do if it wasn't for your books. Has Towle Bros "Napoleon and his Marshalls". Shall I borrow it? Is it worth reading, or is it all about battles – the same thing over and over? When you write again, I wish you would tell me about the "Painting of Ignorance" if you think of it. I have it mingled in my mind with another old story I believe. I conclude "mono-chromatic" drawing is the same as shading with crayons. Is it not. How great a. lop would the "Eye & Ear" of the V. and Mass. R. R. Co. be? I don't believe it would trouble me so much as not to have you come home next spring, i.e. unless it would injure you. You ask why I don't tell you more about Lizzie Quincy. I told you every word I know, and some of my thoughts besides I believe. You are duely credited with much long-sightedness in the matter, though I verily believe that the minds – or perhaps more properly hearts – of both parties were somewhat blinded on a certain subject, at one time. Elliot says that he thought of it and it might have been so, but she being older, it concluded on the whole, it was not best. Moses Grandy, the lad, was homesick, had a lame leg, was too small to answer the purpose, so Gov. sent him home. He

is now at Noah Spathawk's in Bucksport. Charles could not get The Open. Hired 72 dollars of Jo Chase at 24 per cent interest. He would probably have been able to sell them, but there has not yet been any sledding — every prospect of another rain now — so few teams have gone into the woods, and a great many have been frightened, or obliged to come out by small boys. Lumbermen will make a poor winter's work unless there comes snow and cold weather soon. Charles went to Bangor yesterday. Started with a sleigh. Will probably hire a waggon before he gets there. If there comes a bit of snow, I expect to go to B. next Monday. Stay only a week or two. Take a peep down to Hampden &c. In your letter was one sentence (rejaculation apparently!) which we could none of us understand. viz. "Oh Hiram! my ears! my ears!" Please explain.

I can't help feeling glad that they keep you in the Office instead of making you tramp about in the woods. Do you like to have me glad. Oh, I forgot to tell you that Sarah Parker from Foxcroft teaches the school in the Hobbs neighborhood. Now! she conclude she has got it? Mr. Butler came and ordered her to teach it, but I steadfastly refused. I must as with much more or Brother will begin to make complaint again. Have nearly filled my sheet, but after all written nothing worth sending. Must say as Ef. Parker did was learnt to write nonsense when I'd nothing else to write. I forgot to tell you about the adored Parker. He has been at Wisconsin two years. He & his wife have both been sick more than half the time. When they wrote last, he had been confined to the bed eight days with bilious fever. Frost destroyed the corn, and to crown all prairie fire burnt up all their wheat while he was too sick to take care of it. They are pretty much discouraged I guess. Should think they'd wish themselves back to N. E. How many people there are in the world who have more trouble than you and I do!

'Tis getting late — Good night — Write again soon, won't you.

Affectionately

Sister Lucy.

Please to observe that the lines of my paper are much nearer together than yours — consequently a sheet contains more witty. I speak not of the worth of our mutual epistles, only the number of words! L. H. P.

L. H. Metcalf
Milo
Dec. 26th
Jan 2d 1848

Greenville Sam'l

Rev. S. P. Metcalf.

Northfield
Minn.

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Jan 2d 1848
Northfield

Brid Feby 15th 1842.

Mine dear Brother.

Mother has written all that is necessary I believe, and I am in a great hurry, so I'll only say a word or two. She has advised you of the birth of an "heir presumptive" to the house of Rich. It occurred while I was at Bangor — They ofe say it's handsome, but I say it looks like a monkey. What shall his name be? Oline and I call it Faunt. I don't know as I've written you about the small pox. A mulatto man carried it from Bangor into Dix, woods, from there it spread in to Brownville. People were very careless & it spread more than was necessary. People much frightened. Our schools all stopped, after keeping a week, 4 weeks till all were vaccinated then commenced — kept eight days and the Village school stopped again. People seem to understand that something may be done to them for their safety, but they make droll blunders as to what it is. One man went to the doctor desiring to be Lacerated. Another thought people were in no danger from small pox after being annihilated — a third inquired if the Dr. was going to evacuate the town of Brownville after finding he had made a mistake, called it vaccinate. Another had been sarcinated, so he was not afraid. Joshua Powers speaking of a sick man said he had a disease between the Scarlet and Kine pox could not recollect the name but the first part of it was O Lord — meaning Variolois. There have been but one or two new cases for a week or two & people are

morning from this [illegible] somewhat. Had it in two or three families at Brownville village. I had a very good visit at Bangor, considering how short it was. Staid only three days. A neat little white cot in Hampden which mother says she told you about, painted & papered, fruity front yard, garden & pasture &c. My chief object in writing. This is to find out when you can most conveniently come home. I do want you to come, but still would not wish it certainly if it will injure you in your business. Ann wants to know when if you can come, so as to arrange her vacation. Jos. & Eliab can probably come one time as well as another. If your convenience is to decide the time. Last of Apr. or first of May we think, is as convenient for all.

Will you please to write soon as convenient & let us know what you can do about it. I have nothing more to say now & believe I am time to say it if I had so good night and good bye. ever affectionately

sister Lucy.

Fitch's Lectures - sent me by your order I believe, I like much and thank you greatly. His shoulder troubles I am very much pleased with, and if I had means, would certainly have a pair. His remarks on breathing, position, correcting & position &c. are good. I shall endeavor to profit by them. ——

Maj. W. Mitchell
Milo
March 5th 1845

Mar 15th 45
C. Mitchell.

Ohio Cincinnati 5th 1845.

My very dear Brother & Sister,

Your letter of the 2.d ult, was doubly welcomed both before & after, and although his Excellency is hastening to answer it, it will not should not receive such "a fifty million to fourteenth". But really, I cannot allow you to attribute my late negligence in writing, to such a cause. The prospect you speak of has no tendency to diminish our affection for any of our friends, especially not my dear Brother and Sisters. The thought of leaving them all — in one sense — for another, renders them so dear, and makes me feel their kindness and love more than ever. I am so glad that you have really settled the matter that you will come home. I feared from a previous letter that it might not be convenient. His dear Step Mother has not many more daughters to marry off, and it seems desirable that all should meet at home. Perhaps we shall not see it in dear Virginia again except in the Summer such occasion. I am very glad you are so pleased about Mother's going to Reps. with you in the Spring, for you know she never likes to be left, and it's time one day or other she came to Miami to please you. She needs the relaxation. Her health and spirits will be much improved by another Summer. Besides it will be our last chance for all time to come to spend upon mutual ground. Mother & all know how much good Mother does here, and never will know how to appreciate her labors to until it is gone, just as many a child. It is a great pity to have a person of experience & judgement to advise and take care

all round the house, you know. I have another plan in my head I want to go to Brap. very much - I have never been since a little girl - I mean to Warwick & Royalston, never saw any farther I have - Ann resolutely intends to go in the fall - I have a notion to go with her - Emmeck says I may - and would visit home. Would not you? I may never have a better time.

As for the time of the next operation, or [Third] you call it, just all about a second year in town, but will of course be ordered a week or two of more amusement for you. Then can have the operation about that time. Charles must positively obtain some funds for Mother if she does conclude to go with you - she will need some addition to her available as well as other funds. It would be neither right nor proper for you to furnish such funds if practicable in any other way - especially consid. certain that so much is already your due from him; you have debts to pay, for the payment of which you must in part depend upon funds about you! To save worrying & trying him & others again with your "settlements in life"! When are you going to think about that, or have you been already?

With regard to our little strangers whom you seem to take so much interest in, he is a pretty pretty little man, as fair as snow, dark blue eyes, dark hair, & age 2 months pretty well developed &c. Rose just like Charles - all the cast of him to my eye wholly and entirely [illegible]

By the way, the last mentioned parents are Irish people - for days all the brothers had one kind [illegible] them, and I am glad that Rudsal Emmy neither came up, for the Irish people [illegible] to me for [illegible] and I suppose [illegible] - [illegible] "murder will out" &c return to the subject. The title, allow me to be the means of [illegible] genealogy. Then

Father decided upon Friends. Well, in that I found I could
scarcely agree to unite. It was a question between us, which pleased me much - more than it does Friends I fear.
How would Friends ordinarily do? Military would be dispensed from as they are. I like it exceedingly. Friends
are more that way - Thinks some I prefer to work at the
Foundry a few weeks in addition and "Holiness unto Lord"
very well - Holiness for profane - Is worthy patriarch & Pleasant river Mission. Y. M. C. A. in the war.

Your temperance celebration reminds me of our Sabbath
anniversaries & the Children's day & the singing, & they good
times. Good singers, good voices, good tunes, & childlike
reverence - above - the Spirit, some speaking & praying & good testimony - a few pathetic words from some of
the following. "The cause of temperance - may it not only prosper in
earth the use of all intoxicating drinks, but the habit & use of profane
words", and the still more abominable practice of profanity. Amen.

The Heart of the Sons of Jesus - Let them guard it well - from
"Secrets with girls like Roasted pens with toys, they never valued till they make a noise"

The Sons, &c. Love, Purity & Fidelity. Love Thier Love to without discrimination, Value purity the purity & promote it in purity, and their fidelity & rather wounds their fellow salves than the - tobacco spit.

It was said in the Lesson &c. that Amos Lee invited Aaron
his wife and sweethearts! which! indicates the following - the Sons &
Their wives and sweethearts would express their gratitude for the privileges & occasionally attend the festivities of the Order, Thereby
more especially deserving the honors & "holiness to the Lord". Hum amen.

Perhaps I might have intended you more with something else than
to know an account of our yesterday celebration once, May did it seem
like as what you expected? It seemed to me one of the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Brighton, June 26th 1881.

Dear Mother & Sister.

I have received your letters, and was glad to hear from you, and was sorry to hear Father was sick. Sent the parcel some days before you mentioned it. We read Burd's letter last night however and told me that was in it, so I was in great suspense. I am glad to hear that you must definitely to remain, as I think it will be easier for you, and I am sure enjoy it more than to visit about from place to place before coming to Stapleton. You will have a nice time to do your visiting and Co. Trainor about in Boston while time is there in the free.

Fannie went to Lexington the day after you left. She had a fine time and enjoyed it much - I was very glad she went. I enjoyed myself nicely at home. Chadwick while he was gone - had an invitation to dine. Charles only just came home with us Thursday night after Fannie got back, and Mrs. Tilt the night we would have liked Tilt. Pat had called to make Tilt commence in her absence. I have got my Maintillen done - Fannie helped me - finished it up. You know she always had to help me, don't you. I never finished when she is any where about, like she has finished mine and minded Pat and pulled them! I always take it as a matter of course that she will "rustle with my garments" some way. She "trains" with me "finally the day she was there - Pat "trains" with me as you like. I was very glad to see Pat, as I did not get over Prince Lizzie hardly, and she is such a good friend to encourage, you know. She is just as ready and willing a friend in strength or more, as in others if they need it, as in sorrow.

I am regularly confined here, and am sorry - like Father I am not satisfied. It does not seem at Tilt as it would if you were there, Mother. Charles seems sorry to you, but it is not time now. Charles wishes that Tizzie got home after she is in Mrs Adams. We have decided to have Mattie here this

Dr. ... r, it is so fine in Summer, and to ride with this ... [illegible] ... here. don't you think it is? ... Sam is a fine ... and an excellent preacher. There is a good Sabbath School connected with the Church.

A sad accident happened at Augusta at the time of the convention. A boat carrying hass... gers from Waterville to Augusta was blown up, killing eight persons, and injuring others. Said to be trying it's speed with another boat. One of Augusta's report a careless and incompetent Engineer. A very Long man with a Long cane and Long whiskers, as also a Long tongue, from Providence R.I. has just been in to get me to subscribe for a Medical Work, which he carried in his Long hands. I was, at first, greatly afraid of him, but wished he would go down to the next neighbors, which he has now done. How happened it, that you forgot that loaf of cake, Mother? Never mind, you can make one there and distribute it - do just as well. Ann said I had better bring it down here; but I cannot get it.

Isaac was down Saturday, & was sorry I could not give you one kiss and a "good bye" before you went away - If we had waited a few minutes longer I might have seen you.

Can't you take one now, clear from here? Smack! Jos. and Elijah staid here last night. Joseph, would you believe it, did not leave his bed till breakfast was ready! (Did he ever do so before?) While Elijah perambulated through the fields in the dew and plucked me a pretty bouquet of Violets, Witch hazel & Strawberry blossoms; which are now on the table by my side. I found at Ladd's Dr. Fitch's Shoulder braces, & took a pr home with me. I [illegible] ... [illegible] ... kind described in his Lectures. I do not like, and shall return them.

Joseph brought his Cactus down here the other day - do I have that for company when Samuel is gone! There is also a pretty Malta Kitty with white paws, pink nose, and an amiable countenance, which belonged to our predecessors in this place, but whose [illegible] ... is no longer, she prefers to remain in her old home with strangers, rather than seek a new abode with her friends. Samuel's

you was home and so I can think with all time & ease. Had a good visit &c. Do you know I came that Lizzie Doe was sick and I would excuse you and without bidding her good bye. (to you value her friendship and good will, you must certainly apologize.) The thought at first it was intentional - that you wished to show her that she had been too familiar with you. We'll let her go - more in a hurry, thinking of other things & you did it.

June 5th Wed. P.M. Samuel is going to the city, so I'll send it along, though there doesn't seem to be much in it worth sending.

We attended Mr. Jeffrey's meeting yesterday. I like our new minister. I quite regret going to meeting here on one account - i.e. getting acquainted with so many people. Perhaps my feelings are wrong about it, and that I ought to sacrifice them, in the hope of doing more good by forming acquaintances & mingling more with others. But I do love to stay at home. This [illegible] is sickish misery to me.

[illegible] yesterday, at Mr. Curtis's - pretty comfortable, I guess. They mentioned divers people, Dr. Sanborn included, who had been waiting for pleasant weather, to call. Also, informed me of Sunday meetings, a Sewing Circle &c. which I should be expected to attend. Any body who will come and live with me, I'll do them all the good I can, but as for going about to do good, keeping up conversation, or to "shine in public life" any way, I was never made for it. I asked Samuel that I should stay in Dr.'s, "Been a good boy, and wants to see Grandmother" - a decided yes! so there it is. I'll send this & my [illegible] in one from Mr. Ely, which I hope will be more welcome. Do write to us often, my dear brother, and Brother Isaac do write. You are we always good about writing, and you will do sometimes, won't you? Love to all. Good bye -

Affectionately, Lucy.

Mrs. A. M. Barber
Hampsteden
June 6th 1845

Mrs. A. M. Barber
Care of Charles A. Stevens
Warwick
Rhode Island

June 1845

Free

in your present circumstances. I feel as though I hardly ought to accept, or you to give it. My hand trembles so I can hardly write - partly because I have been sweeping and partly because am afraid the stage will be along before I am ready for it. What will you say when I tell you that our brother Joseph sits by my side pursuing ~~breakfast~~ smacks from "Fat-

Miles Apr. 5th 1848

Dear Brother

I can only write a few lines - just what I deem necessary - to send by mail this morning when it comes along. Forgot that I had not informed you of the time appointed, in my Last, or I should have written before. Wednesday, the 17th of May is the day decided on for the important occasion. I do feel very desirous that you should be at home, still I dare not urge you lest you should lose your place by so doing, or sacrifice too much. I want you should try hard to come, but still act consistently with your own interests. Feel about as anxious for you to come on account of Mother's going back with you as anything. Won't you write down as you can tell, & let us know whether that day will be as convenient for you as any other. If not it can be put off. I suppose. The event could more easily be put off, than hastened. Ann says, "The coming occasion, private, unpretending, silent, sad & solitary as we would prefer to have it, will, nevertheless, in spite of us all, be

Mrs. Love to you & yours & to all the folks in Dear Fr. respectfully
C. M. Bo

one of the greatest occasions that "Cedar Grove" has or probably will witness; for to have all the family at home together, is a rare occurrence, it not having happened for years, and in future will doubtless be still more rare, if it should ever be again." If you know Lizzie Doe & Mary Pomroy are both certainly coming & self invited at first & determined to come. I would I might hide mine head! Hear Ann "there will be two beautiful, intelligent, highly refined, & distinguished young ladies from the city to grace the ceremony - viz. the gifted and elegant Miss Doe &c. and the eldest daughter of the celebrated Rev. Dr. Pomroy, both expecting to help a week in all those gaieties that accompany such festive scenes!"

I don't know what to say about the V. which your last letter enclosed. You did not explicitly state what it was for. I sent it to Bangor to be used in part for the purchase of cloth & linen to manufacture into shirts for yourself against your arrival. If you intended it for shoulder braces for me, the remainder of it may be so appropriated, with many thanks for your kindness, though

in your present circumstances. I feel as though I handly ought to accept, & you to give it. My hand trembles so I can handly write - partly because I have been sweeping and partly because am afraid the stage will be along before I am ready for it. What will you say when I tell you that our brother Joseph sits by my side just now & making remarks upon "Fat-ties' Law of Nations"! It is even so. He came home in company with S. W. Foster last Saturday - Expects to stay till next Sat. He thought to make his visit now, and then stay away most May - but twice never do. I cannot think of it. I do not feel right to send a letter with so little in it, but have not time to write much, and though you ought to know soon as possible the time decided on. Charles is helping Mr. Leigh & the other mechanics to build a boat for our ferry. Hiram is yet, but do not much expect he will stay this summer. Almeda & children are well. Ninishi grows some. His name is Charlie Metcalf. I believe decidedly. A dreadful little dried up poor looking little fellow. He will get smoothed out before you come home - Col. Lee has moved back to Nile. About six weeks since Mr. Bush's wife & Foxcroft died suddenly of Apoplexy. Last week Mr. Bush took into himself the widow Leighton of F. to wife! What think of it? Well I must seal it up - write soon - won't you? good bye

Sister Lucy -

a man.

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Mrs Lucy A. Mitchell
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Gen. S. C. Belcher
Northfield
Mass

Mr. Co Me. Esq

Hampden June 21st 1848.

Dear Brother Isaac

Your welcome letter of the 28th ult. and 4th inst. was duly rec'd. I began to wonder whether my friends had all forgotten me because I am married! This five weeks today since I began my sojourn here, and not one word have I heard from our folks at this time I left there, except that little note you brought from Albina. What does it mean? I have written the fifth letter to them today! Neither have I had a letter from dear Mother. She wrote to some of the folks as soon as she arrived at Warwick, but Jose sent it to this before I saw it. I was most sick with "hope deferred" waiting for your letter, but it came at last.

You were indeed fortunate about finding your Pocket Book. I should so love to see Northfield. I love to look at beautiful places and things, and I love too, to stay at home - perhaps too well. You inquire if I suffer from ennui these rainy days. I do not suffer from that cause, and never did. The days are, and seem long, to be sure, & I am very glad to see Samuel when he comes home, but I enjoy myself nicely - am contented and happy. I am sure I would not allow myself to be unhappy from being alone. Did I wish to be unhappy, I would try to find a better reason! I am sorry you have been so hurried in your business. Don't make yourself sick and nervous again, so as to have to take Chloroform! Suppose I must

answer your questions. "Solitude" I have answered. House-keeping I like much. Have just about work enough. It is more for my health to do some stirring work than to sew as much as I have done for a year past. I get along quite as well as I expected - no more awkward feelings and mistakes! Residence - I like - situation also. We do attend meeting here, and like Mr. Tappan very much indeed. You told me of your friend Sutton's acquaintance with him.

I go to Bangor whenever I wish to - expect to go next week to attend State Convention - or a part of the time - don't know as I can leave my family all the time! As our cow must have her milk attended to. She gives nine good milk two, and I make nice little lumps of butter every week! Strawberries are most ripe, and we'll have cream for them. The Bangor people come down here some - no more than I want, certainly - Ann has been down three times to help the night - came last Sat. & spent the Sabbath. Lizzie came with her once - Jos. has been down to help the night two or three times - Eliab with him once. How I wish you were coming tonight. Vain wish! Olive is coming to see us one of these days, and after she goes to Wisconsin, Mehitable. You did not mention the receipt of my letter - perhaps, though, you had not received it. Joseph has most of your books. But I guess 'tis most time for me to leave off - or Samuel won't have room to do his part. So search Mother to write, and write often yourself. I guess I'll promise to write as often as you like. Do you recollect the house between here and Bangor that you remarked, as being built of such beautiful brick - the house & fence are all of wood, painted like brick. Good bye. Affectionately Lucy

June 27th 1848

Dear Brother

I was very happy to receive a letter from you Enclosed in Jane's to Lucy. I Earnestly wish to correspond with me, as a means of our becoming better acquainted. I shall be glad to, do any thing to further our acquaintance and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between us which I feel to be drawing us nearer each other, and as you remark the only means for us to do this is by corresponding. I am but a poor hand to give my views or express my feelings in any way and I think that no one can become very intimately acquainted with me by my writing I have now but little opportunity to write to any o I go to the Mill every morning as soon as I can, usually start at half past six and come home about seven. My work at the Mill is not hard, but very tiresome more so than steady employment. however I can afford to have some care and recreation then so long as I can have such a home to come to as I have now. The cares and troubles of the day may be set even so thick about me and follow me even so close they must be scattered and dropped when I cross the threshhold of home. I even meet One there at whose presence is banished every fear and happiness smiles for every joy. I will endeavor to write you again soon and will try to be more interesting. write to us very often. Give my love to Mother. Why does'nt she write?

Good Night

C. W. Furber

Samuel is well at the Mill is keeping company with Lucy. Talking of writing does that bring a recollection of his neglect. They are all well as I can find out.

Wm. L. Metcalf
Northfield
Mass.

Hampden Aug. 4th 1848.

Dear Brother Isaac

I believe I told you I'd write a little by Ann, but really 'tis so lately that I wrote to you, that I seem to have very little to say. I have just got done deciding that it is not best for me to go with Ann, though she thinks I had better & ought to. We have some pretty hot weather here now-a-days, though our house is pretty cool, so I don't feel it much. I suppose the mill folks suffer from heat. Quite a number of them have been sick. Am afraid Samuel will be. He has so much fatigue and care. he has grown poor a good deal. My health is very good. has not been better for a long time. I think I have just about exercise enough for my health, and the right kind of exercise better than teaching school. I have been quite a rambler this Summer. Jenny was not here with me, nor Thekla as we expected. We hope she or Olive, or both, will be here no. in a few days, though. I enjoy my solitude very much. a great deal better than I thought I should. The first few days I thought I should be tired of it before Fall, but it grows more and more pleasant to me. We do not become much acquainted with our neighbors. live pretty much by ourselves, which suits us both. Abby Thayer spent about a week last fast here. nice little girl. no trouble. Tell Mother I shall see her so soon I won't stop to write now.

6th The Paddies are putting down Telegraph posts all along by our house. Bangor to Augusta. Now I can run out and read the news as it goes by!!

Mrs. Lucy M. Hurder
Hampden
Aug. 4th 1846

Rev. L. Mitchell
Northfield
Mass.

Aug 10th 1846
Mitchell

Hampden, July 28th 1940.

Dear Mother & Father

I'm late. I have written to you before but — isn't it! Are you satisfied with the reason. I have had something to do every day, and it is now just 4 o'clock & I have to be ready to go to the house with an ornamental "double & twisted Lizzie", as you said Isaac, on the gable end — Mrs. Lee to see me in the morning, bringing with her a lady who knows with her. In the two o'clock stage came Lizzie Doe with a visitor from Portland - Harry Shirley - and a Girls boy who is also visiting there. They were hardly seated before Mrs. Thaxter ~~and Alta~~ came [illegible] sitting room was quite well filled. The two girls visitors departed immediately on the arrival of the last comers. We had a nice time. Mrs. Thaxter brought her Abby to stay a week if I will keep her, which I am glad to do. Seemed Chester to have her stay two - she is still a clever.

Ann and Lizzie have been inviting me to go to Boston with them, and I think I will come, I don't know I should enjoy it much. It would perhaps never be so pleasant again to visit you as we have but it is a long ways, perhaps it is not best. I would like ready to go on Mount Grace with you Father, as you say. Perhaps I shall sometime, if not now. Some time I will go to Bangor, Isaac, do you remember it. I like to

Mr. Tappan one day when he was here about your visit. Said he
don't know anything of him. Thinks it must be another
Tappan, as there are several in the ministry.

I have got very little acquainted here. Do
not expect nor wish to. But it sometimes seems lonely
to be so alone. But I enjoy myself nicely, and am very
happy. Samuel is every thing to me that I can wish, &
you know if one is happy at home, 'tis the best kind of happi-
ness. We have had quite a number of calls. Have not got
returned them. Samuel is very much confined at the store
has a great deal of care, which you know wearies one more
than work, if anything. Ann anticipates a great deal
of enjoyment in her visit, & I presume will realize it. She
loves a change - new scenes - and needs it I suppose. Life
is a monotonous life. See I must run get tea now.

Evening. It was Cocoa instead of Tea! All out of the way - work
done up. Abby gone to bed. Jose just arrived. Conver-
sation all about shingles and "hard times" as usual -
I, belonging to the firm, feel interested of course. We
have'nt had one bit of a letter from Charles or Albina
since we came here. Almeda writes one in a long
while. Had a letter from Naomi last week. Her
health very poor. Kept school six weeks & left. Abby &
her husband there now. We have written to Almeda to
let little Liz come and stay here a few weeks. Hosea
Olive or Mehitable will come down. Mr. Fisher has been
quite unwell - was before he came out of the woods. is
better now. coming down here I guess before he goes
in the woods again. She seem to Sewing Circle once
more, perhaps venture again as it was over heated this

Guess there are some pretty good sort of people here but don't know much about them. I want to tell you beforehand, Brother, so you will have your mind prepared that you will be expected to make quite a stop in Hampden before you return to Milo. I don't know as I can say any more tonight - perhaps Samuel or Joseph will fill this out. Write again soon won't you Isaac? I'll write by Conference - Good night - Affectionately, Lucy.

Saturday Morning Lucy is preparing breakfast Joseph gone after Cud and I will try to direct you with some of my reflections I think there is much of misery and wretchedness in this world and more of happiness, and whether we have more of the one or the other depends wholly upon ourselves. I suppose it is true that in some relations of life our happiness is dependant upon others ourselves but even then we have a power to exert upon ourselves which if we properly apply must result in the happiness of all If we find our cup to be bitter upset it pour it out or break it do not drink it then is no necessity for it. carry it to a fountain whose waters are sweet and will be a well of water springing up into eternal life. I find I have no more time to write this morning I must away to the mill do my part if there should be any who are not sick there are a large number at present on the sick list ——— Good morning

H. W. Jordan

Samuel is quite a Philosopher, is'nt he?

Lute.

Mr. H. Parker &c
Amsterdam
July 29th 1825

Mr. Gerard
Merchant
Rotterdam

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Aug. 2d 1825
Mathieu

Hampton Sept. 22 1848.

Dear Brother Isaac

I suppose of course you want to hear of our journey, safe arrival, present good estate &c. &c. accordingly I proceed to the duties of mine office as Scribe, whereunto I was of old appointed, as you are well aware.

Aunt Hannah kindly prepared our Breakfast, and called us at four o'clock. Humphrey attended us to the Tavern, where we took the stage at six. arrived at the Depot just in time for the Cars. Elijah kept on in the stage to Worcester. from thence to Woonsocket, and came to Boston Wednesday morn. Ann and I took the Lowell cars at Groton. Mother went on to Boston. We had a fine visit at Lowell. Aunt and little Charles had gone to Worcester to see Caleb. Uncle Leonards with Isaac. They were very glad to see us. Isaac has a very agreeable, pretty wife, with whom we felt acquainted immediately. Isaac got a Carriage and carried us all about the City — to the Cemetery which is a beautiful place — don't know but will equal Mount Auburn one of these days — also to see the great new Canal which cost a million dollars. Do you know they have got so they can let Winnepiseogee. there I don't know as I spell it right — take right down into their river, when there is'nt water enough? great work. Cousin Isaac has two smart, pretty boys. Look Bridgecalf-y though! He continues to visit us very frequently. We went to Boston Sat. afternoon. Sabbath pro-

noon Mother and I went to Mrs. Child's meeting. Afternoon to Mr. Kirk's, but did not hear him. Ann went to Cambridge to find Lizzie Doe and go to meeting with her in the morning - afternoon to hear Edward Bucher. Mond. morn Liz Doe and all of us went to Mount Auburn together - had a grand time, till two o'clock P.M. (not half long enough) Then took the cars for East Cambridge where we visited the Glass works, then over to Bunker hill Monument, and home to Mrs. Child's in the rain! Didn't we do a great day's work, and were we not tired? Next day we made calls on our kinsfolks and acquaintance & went shopping - dined at Mr. Whitcomb's - till five o'clock then we hurried on board the Governor, and took the outside route for Bangor. Very tired at night - all of us. But had a smooth, pleasant passage and arrived in Bangor about ten A. M. None of us much sick. Lizzie Brink was left behind, and we fear, lost. Very bad for her if it is. Mother will stop a while with me, though I believe she is in something of a hurry to see the folks at Milo. I want to see them too! Ann is in trouble about her school-house. I am sorry for her. Mr. Harlow wants the land, and says it must be moved immediately. Wherever it can be moved, she will have to pay high rent. and she seriously thinks of selling it right off - which Joseph thinks she can do for its full value - and going right out west this Fall as a Teacher. I believe Mr. Ponroy rather advises such a course. I feel very loth to have her go, but don't know what she can do. Won't you write to her - advise and comfort her - I guess Mother wants to write some and

I must leave room for her - I have just written to Cousin Maria. Won't you write soon, so we can get it before Mother goes home, which she talk about doing next week, but I guess she won't. Mr. Taft can preaches his farewell sermon next Sabbath - So going to Charlestown Sunday. 'Tis time for me to get tea - So good bye - I must run - So write soon - Love to all the cousins &c. Affy. sister Lucy

The greatest burden on my mind just now is my anxiety about Ann - It seems a great thing to me for her to go & leave Home and all her Brothers & sisters that she loves so well & for whom she has done so much - She really has done a good deal for a sister to do for you all especially for you - younger ones in the way of fostering care, and anxious watching out for your interest more than you can any of you till you should have families of your own - She has fam - who has not? I fear that Joseph is to hard upon her very much sometimes - She has been some trouble and expense to but she would willingly do three times as much for him if it was in her power - he wounds her feelings deeply - sometimes without doing any good I fear - I believe she is about writing to Gov. Slade - If I had seriously thought of her trying to go - I should have enquired more particularly about schools out where Cousins Jerusha and Caroline are where is that Miss Dutton they told of what does she teach what pay does she get - Tell every thing you know all about these matters & what A. had better do

write soon if you can - I left that paste board box for you at Brother Josephs and a pr of woven Gloves at Mrs Parsons had another pr of white ones I intended to leave for you

Keep an account of your doings, your feelings, your thoughts & your wishes

Mother & Lucy
Hampden
Feb 3rd 1874

Mrs J. S. Wheelock
Northfield
Mass

Sister Ella
Northfield

Hampden Sept. 29th 1848.

Dear Brother Isaac

It is a cold, windy rainy day - a real Autumn rain storm. I am all alone - the first time especially part of a day - since a week before I went to Bangor. Mehitable came, you know, before I went away - staid a week after I got back and Mother went home with her, which by the way, was a lucky move as it turned out. She heard that Charles was sick & the baby sick, so she was in a great hurry to get home, but they were both better, and she might have staid and made me a good visit as I expected she would, and then it would have been so nice for her to be here when Anne was flying away - but we can't help it now. Well after they went home Olive came and spent a week - then Gilson came & carried her home to get ready to go to Wisconsin, and Anne came and staid most a week after she had closed her school. Almeda has been down two - came & staid two or three days to see Anne & both her. Now Olive has been here more than a week waiting for the team in whose care she goes out. She staid this morning. She has a long journey before her, and not a very pleasant season. An special twice he storms a good deal.

So you see I have not had a chance to be lonesome since I came home - expect 'twill come upon me now though.

You don't know how it seems to think there is no Anne at Bangor for me to go and see, or to come and see me. I miss her about every thing - I never did any thing with-

out her hardly. Always went to her for advice about my dress and everything. Seems as if I could'nt go shopping without her! But — she's gone, and I don't know when she'll come back again. She's been a dear good sister to us, has'nt she? You know she has been wanting to go West somewhere for sometime, but she took a sudden start at last. Mr. Pomroy advised her to go, & she thinks she shall enjoy herself. She don't know till she gets to Hartford where she goes. whether west or South. I am afraid she will not find so much pleasure or profit as she hopes. She is always sanguine, you know. You will write to her often won't you? She dearly loves her friends, and we must all write to her a good deal. I hope she won't go far away. Jos was naughty not to tell you all about it. The school house has been moved around the other side of the store — only a few rods — and Miss Perry has hired it for a school. Jos will tell it the first opportunity.

Samuel feels bad about Clint's going away. She is a real good girl — sensible, capapable and kind-hearted. Are not those three good things? I am afraid she will get married out there & stay — where she ought to be kept in Hamden. I really don't know what to say to you about your health — but it certainly troubles me to have you talk so lightly about it. I am afraid you will see the time when sickness will not be so comfortable as you boast. Do, my brother if you value anything in this world, be careful of your health. Only think of walking & reading with dim eyes & wind in your back. Such things seem presumptuous to me. Your attacks are violent, and you don't know what may be the result if they continue. Won't you be advised or at least

enticated by me, if I am younger than you?

Have you heard that Mr. Pomroy is going to leave Bangor? Or I don't know that he has decided certainly to leave - he has had an application, and will probably accept the situation of Sec. of the Am. Board, unless Bangorians positively won't let him! Mr. Lapham has left us and gone to Rhode Island Hospt. We have no minister now - dependent upon students which is sorry times, as you know.

Your shirts shall be attended to as you desire. Will do my best to have them set well. You will please be informed if you are not already aware of the fact, that wide plaits are just now in fashion, since you have had any bosoms made - Hence, probably, the reason you observe buttons, fastenings &c. stay put better on them, than your own shirts, as they undoubtedly do on wide plaits than narrow ones.

Now, Lizzie, I shall tell you some news all right off in French! Samuel has sold his farm to Daniel Hamlen for $10. is splitting known. Eben Greenleaf is going to marry Mary Frost. Naomi Hill is soon to be married to Isaac Loring, a brother of Abby's husband, who, you recollect called at our house & staged as when we were fixing my Herbarium. And, Charles Everett & Angella Kennett have committed matrimony! The circumstances thereof are as follows. Angella was at meeting Sabbath before last as usual. Everett never goes, you know - not dressed up, excepting white gloves. Which all Cadets wear now-a-days you know, - after meeting she was seen talking a moment with Parson Jones - then stepped into Mr. Owen's a few minutes, till Everett came in his every day drap with a horse & waggon, carried her to Elder Jones's, took her to be his wedded wife & went over to her father's. Her folks never knew it till the next

Tuesday. Wasn't that fine? Well I hope they'll settle down now
in the enjoyment of the supremest matrimonial felicity - don't you?
Write again soon. — You did'nt tell a bit about Aunt Lois - And we have
not heard from her - Love to all the folks — good bye Affectionate Lucy -

Tuesday evening Oct 3 1865

Brother Isaac

You will pardon me for not writing you before this. I might give many excuses but as none of them would satisfy me I shall forbear to make them. My business this season affords but little variety the same routine of cares and vexations with close confinement I find to be more fatiguing than physical labor with less care, but I do that which will pay the ~~biggest~~ biggest dollars for them you know are what we are all seeking after

Friday Eve 6th Oct Guess you will think it takes me a long while to write, since I began we have rec'd a letter sister Ann she is at last fore among all the first people of the place. She is at times very decidedly homesick if she had not so fully determined upon the course she would even now come back I think she never felt what it was to go from all friends until after she left us, I think however she will in health be good that she may receive much benefit from the town, We also rec'd a letter from Cline last eve from Lowell. She started from there the 4th inst She goes in company with James Pennington. I hope when these sisters of ours get home again they will be better contented to stop with us And now brother I if you even wish to enjoy yourself get married as soon as you get ready but do not wait too long to get ready, I shall insist upon being consulted to advise you in this matter, I've no doubt but that you really enjoy yourself much more under a great deal of very pleasant and entire

training company. I am having very fine times, and personally believe that you are pretty considerable trapping but believe me when I tell you if ever you get married you will think it one of the strangest things that you ever ever so dreadfully deceived, "Gives my views" such as they are you are welcome to them provided you pay due regard to them. One other thing, your health, I think you should be more careful. Too no faith in so much of your cold water at all times and too much exposure although I not offended at first, perhaps with many evils is sure, at some time to bring it rewards

Good Night

G. W. Zurber

Hospitalier
Co. C. 1st Ill.

Mr. Isaac Hartshorn

J. W. Feeter
Hunsden
Nov. 5th 1844

Nov 5th 1844

Brother Isaac

We rec'd your letter a few days since and I must answer it, I also read yours of a late date to Joseph. You appear to be very much excited upon the Nov 5th 7 o'clock P.M. I had written thus far last evening when the boarding house master interrupted me. He came all the way from the Mill here to inform me that some of the men called for bread when there was plenty on the table and also laughed very immoderately. Upon which I threatened to discharge the men made out their bills put them in my pocket and there they will probably stay for the present I was just upon the point of introducing politics last evening perhaps now all that it will be needfull for to say will be that I have this day voted for Dayton & Fillmore You say that your Reason your Conscience and your sympathy compel you to be an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of Van Buren. I wish you to write that over more before I can believe it, Van Buren who when President avowed his determination to veto any bill for the abolition of Slavery on the D. C. who sanctioned the act to allow P. Masters to examine all papers and destroy any they might think injurious to the interests of Slaveholders who would if in his power have sent the Amistead negroes into slavery, who is opposed to the protection of our own Laborers Mechanics and Manufacturers against the pauper Labor of Europe who is in favor of Government doing all its business with Specie, in short who is now as ever opposed to every thing which is considered sound Whig doctrine and is in the fullest sense a Loco Foco

I do not wonder that Joseph should complain of the difficulty of keeping men Free Sailors with such a Leader. I think Whigs show much more wisdom in their folly in the selection of a candidate than did you Locofocos when they suffered the N. York Convention to thrust Van Buren upon them. I hope the rest of this day may serve to show you how little Fellowship the Whigs of N. England have with such men as Van Buren and his friends politically I mean. Let Bangor the Whigs have gained 300 votes since Sept which is all the news of the election I can give, I believe it is of but little use for me to write to any one after they have written with a view of telling any news

You would not object to advice with regard to the selection of a better half. I suppose it to be of but little use to advise any one upon such a subject for most all will go directly opposite to everything that may be said to them. However the most important qualification to be sought upon is a power to love. If you will love you it is in your power to make her what you will,

Good Night

After I am done at the Mill I will try to be a better correspondent Yours S. W. Thurber

Lovell seems to make the same complaint that I do. Thinks Polly was to blame in the matter. Thinks Joseph ought to have married her. Says he will write to Joseph.

He had a letter from "Nannie" last night, how glad was I — She said she wrote you from Buffalo, and you will probably hear from her at her own abode — (Racine Wisconsin) before you receive this — Good night, bless Lucy

I am so glad she is so pleasantly situated as she appears to be — so much better than I feared — I do hope she will be happy, while she stays: and come back to us again soon.

Hampden Nov. 3d 1848.

Dear Brother Isaac

Yours of the 15th ult. I did receive, though not until some days after it was due, through neglect of Barnes, &c.

First and foremost, my fellow, permit me to worry about Annie, our dear Sister. We rec'd a letter from her at Hartford dated Sept. 2d & 3d, and not a word have we had since. What can be the reason? I cannot think of any evil that can have befallen her except it be sickness, & surely if she were sick, she would get some one to write - but I can't help worrying. Since then - we rec'd a letter from her at the same place with them, and no word since. It is hardly time to expect a letter - I suppose if she waited till she got to the end of her journey, but she intended to write from Chicago. You inquire whither she has gone? To spend a season with Warren and Theodore - I think it will be very pleasant for her to visit them and certainly it must be so for them to have her stay a while with them. The most I fear is that she will be disappointed by some one or other, & think she never could there - and I think she is too good a girl for that. She deserves to live in New England! You better try to persuade her to come back and be your wife! You ought to have one, and I have no hesitation in recommending mine!

We rec'd a letter from Warren recently - he seems

decision ; marking decisive time with his new sister. I do not remember him much - do you? He is married you know - and has two children.

I was not aware previously to the reciept of your letter that you were away from your Northfield home. I should not think it would be pleasant for you - Perhaps I am peculiar in that respect however - somewhat like the Pigs! I love my own place, wherever 'tis, and do not like to leave it - I believe I am not fond of change - certainly not so much so as Anne is.

Mr. Tomroy has left Bangor for good - preached his farewell discourse a week ago last Sabbath - Samuel & I went up to hear it - House very crowded - many could not get in. Said very little about himself - Mostly advice to the Church and Society. I think he rather likes the change than otherwise, though of course would feel bad at parting with his people - He has been in Bangor a long time you know - more than 23 years. He stated that he had received with them 12 hundred Sabbaths, and averaged two sermons a Sabbath without deduction any for sickness or absence from the county. The statements did not include a considerable number of unwritten sermons of which no record remains. I would send you a paper containing the discourse - but perhaps you have already seen it. John Adams, brother of your Bruns wick minister, you know, has preached for us some Sabbaths past - I do like him much, but I think Mr. Tappan has my preference. Rev[s]. Mason, Goodrich, Titcomb &c. have been here some. Eben Greenleaf & Mary Swett - very quiet certainly - but you must not call it prejudice to say I detest "Maid that marrieth her master!" There is no accounting for tastes

for positively leave me on Politics, you are. Do write - & tell me how Samuel & Anne & Taylor may "really & truly" intend to be an Abolitionist, & Mary - but I was brought up to hate Slavery & Party strife as much as I do Popery & Witchcraft. Van Buren is

in such matters you know. With regard to Angelia & Everett you can answer your queries as well as I probably - I have told you them Angelia & I have no concord - I don't know why, I don't understand her, nor she me, I suppose. Our tastes, sentiments, feelings, were never in unison. I hardly know how to answer all your questions. We expect to move to Bangor in five or six weeks. Do not know where we shall live - Have not decided on a house. Moses & Martha live at the Iron Mountain. He has taken a great contract - I don't know - Sam will write you. Col. Lee lives on the old place yet - Has sold it to old "Brother Bumps" of Brownville, who lives there and is to take care of Mr. & Mrs. Lee. I don't know the bargain exactly, but I suppose that the Col. has got "bit". He and Mrs. Lee went to Calais last summer. Mrs. Lee was quite sick at Bucksport on her return. Some naughty persons stole all his nice apples & pears during his absence, which did trouble the poor old gentleman much - he being in his dotage, you know, and setting a great store by his nice fruit. 'Tis too bad - Very thievish, ill-disposed persons are scattered in Miles.

Do you know of Elijah Semanes death. Found himself in a small spring or puddle near his house - No cause known - Was recovering from a fever - No previous appearance of insanity - slipped out doors, or a servant came out & during a few moments absence of his watcher - place so small could only get his head & shoulders in - Immediate search was made & soon as he was missed - found him in forty minutes. Dreadful, isn't it? Albina was down week before last - She grows old! How I want to see little Charlie! Don't you? & Mother too, and all the children. Albina says Mother

new dress very low. Spirited since our return until within a few weeks - She does love Hugh better than anyone, now & do not wonder. She felt very sad too about Annie's going away, but is in better spirits now. You must not write about it though, for it troubles her to say any thing about her being sad. I suppose I shall not go to Utica this Thanksgiving - after we have moved from here - don't know how to wait, really - not that I am not contented here. I am, & have a very happy home, & dear - and a kind, good husband always, in every respect. All I could wish. I feel more and more every day that I am truly blest in a husband. Every day too, I see that it is no little thing to make choice for companionship for life. If a suitable, good choice, happiness will be the result - if not, more misery than could be found anywhere else, I should think! Consequently my advice to you is get a wife if you can get a good one, & not without. Have I said enough? Guys I have.

I am making your shirts - Please inform me whether you wear standing collars according to the fashion or not, also if you like wide wristbands, or only narrow bindings, as the fashion is. I judge of the size &c. from Samuel's. Is that right? I really don't know how to advise you in that matter - so - where to go after you get through there, may want you any further off! I'll get Samuel to talk about it. Wish you could come down here to Thanksgiving - I want to see you, I do. Why don't Cousin Maria answer our letter? She said she would. Please to catechise her on the subject when next you see her - Isaac, Lizzie Doe is a good girl - like her more & better - for it since Annie went away - She has gone home - We have not. I have not seen the boys, for several days. Yes

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Dear Brother + Sister Nov. 28th 1848.

Nov. 14th
Your letter was gladly rec'd last night, as also the intelligence that Jos. is going to Boston Thursday, so I made great haste & good speed & finished your shirts today to send by him. I have not time to do them up & just as well, as they would doubtless get bumbled on the way - Just deliver them to your washwoman. Sorry I had not time to white them. I have not stitched & fiddledidedeed them as I might have done, but made them perfectly plain for lack of time. I hope they will fit & suit you - please let me know. You know folks that keep house always find considerable to do, even with small families, & fixing, getting ready to move &c makes me somewhat hurried. We have expected all along to move to Bangor the first of Dec. Samuel bought a house, for 700.00 day before Thanksgiving, a few rods this side of The Bangor House on the opposite side the St. but sold it again in two days for $50. more than he gave. 'Tis a pretty house outside, two story, white, & convenient inside, but unfinished, he thought - Chambers unfinished. I liked the idea of having an "our house" much, & felt quite disappointed at first when he sold it, but I conclude he knows best. A house in the Jewett block on Third St. is now hired for our use, but appearances & advices of a later date seem to indicate that it is probably best & that we probably shall spend the winter in Bilo; that is, I myself. I will be there, & our husband will be scaling as he was last winter. His Father & Mother want to go to N. Hampshire two or three months, & want Samuel & I to go and take care of Mehitable & John during their absence! You see we can save rent, firewood, &c. and be doing up visiting enough to last a long time, all the while! I shall divide myself between

the two homes, you know, if we do so, which however is not certainly decided yet. I dice hope Samuel would'nt go in the w. any more, but he feels that as losses & expenses have been considerable the past year, if he can earn one or two hundred dollars this winter by being away from home half or two thirds of the time, that he ought to, and I suppose it is best.

Your friend Mr. Mason is preaching here as a Candidate. We like him much, and I believe he is pretty generally liked by the people. I hope they will settle him. don't believe they'll do better. We've scraped acquaintance. He called here t'other night. To see Quincie with Ann & Jose, you know. I like him. Guess he is a whole soul man as you title about. Makes good sermons, too. He inquired all about you. Had the impression that you were aiming to study for the ministry. John Adams was considered a little too big. aristocratic in his own individual feelings particularly for Hampden folks, I guess. He preaches good sermons though. I'll send Mr. P's sermon. wish I had something else, good & pretty to send you. Mary P. felt bad about going away, but you know her temperament is such that such feelings will soon wear away. I conclude she & Eliot both got sick of each other. but don't know. She always inquired for him & seemed to think a good deal of him & like to be in his company. but she is rather impulsive & unsteady. Perhaps will make a smart woman. Some natural defects, however. Prof. Shepherd is engaged to supply the Central Church the coming year. Goodrich is dull & stupid, very, in his manner, not interesting. Know I do not know. I am sorry you have such an uncomfortable place at "Grants" really. Wish I could do any thing for your relief. We received a letter from Alice Cartwright. She has reached the end of her journey safely & pleasantly. Likes where Warren & Theodore are very much better than Illinois. I am really quite fearful she will be persuaded by some swain or other to live there & not come home. I believe down-east girls are in great demand that way. I don't know as I told you before, but when you can spare time I want you to go to Lowell & see Cousin Isaac & his nice little wife. I like her very much. She wants to see you dreadfully. says she knows she shall like you for your name, & because you are a Minister. I liked Isaac too very much. better than I expected from what I remembered of him. If you can read this I'll be glad, & write again sometime. you might. Yrs. Lois Gray.

Mrs & Mr J. W. Farber

Hamsden

Nov. 28th 1848

Express

Dec. 6th 1848

Grouts

Dec 28th 1895. Brother Isaac. Rec'd your "After Election" last eve. am really sorry that you feel so unreconciled to the decree of the People. I shall be engaged at the mill through next week. We think some of scaling logs this winter, we had an application to day to scale for three teams on the Sam Ayers near Lincoln and two teams on No 2 R 10 E. 50 miles from Milo via Weldon Philbrooks. Should we conclude to scale we think it best not pay house rent in Bangor but shall leave our better half in Milo while with the other half we "range the wild woods o'er" What do you think of our scaling this winter!

Good night

F.H.T.

Orrington, Jan. 7th 1849.

Dear Brother Isaac

From the letter which I had not possibly time, but promised it soon, which promise I now fulfill. I am at "Indian Number 1" now. Came here one day before yesterday, to stay five or six weeks (most of the time) with the little white Ann gone to N. H. on a visit. Ann started yesterday morning. The family consists at present of four persons, to wit; John, who goes to school, and is, I expect, a very fine scholar-likely boy enough, a very eccentric youth, as you well know, but a good steady fellow, who does the chores & waits upon the women - Mehitable and myself, and our husband when he is at home, which will probably be most half the time. He has not been in the woods since we came from Bangor the yesterday. Began to feel quite uneasy at being so long (three weeks) without employment. I write expecting a few lines from a letter he wish to Orrington last week. I am quite tired of this way of life. I believe there is sometimes more walks in a season, unless when confined in inclement weather, enjoyment from a good walk is what makes man. There is nothing so dangerous to the well being of society as the means of obtaining a livelihood without active employment. We have had as thawing weather as most we have since we came here. Have had a little snow on my pasture yet. The first little flurry, much is a most little pitiful with red cheeks & bright blue eyes - noisy as any boy can be

and fat as butter. Langston out grows most all the time. just begins to go alone. Charles dotes on him — too much I'm afraid. 'Tis very hard work to take care of him. Charles is the same dear good brother as ever. I almost forget that I am married when I am there, it seems so like my old home! Lizzie is about as usual. Lucy & James are good children They go to school, as does Jane. She is a real capable, smart child, and with right management may make a fine woman. But alas! that right management! Who is competent? I feel that I am not at all so. I expect to have her next summer & shall do as well as I can — I can but think it will be better for her than to remain where she is. There are many bad influences — among them, taunts of children at school concerning her origin &c. She is bright. No one can deny that. Lizzie is a darling little thing. Perhaps petted a little too much, but on the whole a very good child. I have written a long letter to Ann today. We have not heard a word from her since the letter she wrote immediately after her arrival at Racine. We feel quite anxious — Expect a letter every mail. I worry a good deal too about you, Isaac, your health. You seem to have a great many sick spells lately — I am afraid you work too hard and have too much care, don't you. Do remember and feel that life and health must not be trifled with. They are too valuable. Do be careful, and give up work when you are not well. Do you remember my last working sheet. Langston one, came next, and back. Jos. and Elick bought, and sent it to Mother for a Christmas present. Very kind & thoughtful in them & pleased her much. Elick sent Charles

also ten gals. of nicest kind (Porto Rico) Molasses, (New Years) which was divided with Almeda. I do not hear any news from Bangor - do you. I wrote to Lizzie Dow. Expect a little when she answers that, Mr. S. and Pus. have gone south this winter. Samuel has got a Scratch! Lip dittens. You can handle imagine what an improvement it is. She is handsome now, I do say so! There have been three deaths in this within as many weeks, Mr. Thompson, Old Mr. Dow, & Mr. Penney. Dr. Wilkins of Brownfield died a few week since. Left a large family; Mr. Thos. Tash has a son or a daughter I misremember which. People say there is the best school at the Village there has ever been - One Bartlett, a graduate from Waterville teaches. Logan & Atkinson teaches at the Corner. Jamie froze his ear, Thumb & fingers one morning - Not very bad. [illegible] preaches all the time now at the Cape. Very interesting. Excellent sermons. Interesting Bible Class. Baptists have begun to build a meting house - A good singing school here this winter. Milo has just possessed himself of a Pale cloth I don't know but some good things may come out of Nazareth even yet! Don't you say anything - It seems to me Aunt Lois Lizzie pretty well after all, but I can't make him "see-fit"! It is so dark I must stop. Evening. John brought three business letters for Samuel from the Office & one for me from Lizzie Dow none from Ann. Possibly Charles may get me, however. Please to write much and often this winter. I shall have leisure, and will endeavor to do my part. Love to Uncles, Aunts & Cousins - Good night, Pa. Ma.

Affy. Sister Lucy.

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Dear Sir,

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Lewis Feb 6th 1864

Dear Brother Isaac

Yours of — I cannot remember the date, and it is over at Brother's now — was joyfully received last Sat. evening, the 3rd inst. Ivy inform'd me I had been expecting a letter every mail for some time. It was mailed at Grants, I noticed. I understood from Eliah that your station was to be removed to Northfield again, at which piece of information I did rejoice for your sake. How is it? Was he mistaken?

Josie and Eliah were both here last week. E. spent a week — Tho. came up Sat. and back Monday. Charles and Albina went to Atkinson last week to visit some of our kin's, but came back without finishing their visit. Charlie Metcalf was quite unwell — teething, which you know usually makes children "cry" to say the least. He is better now. I was over there Sunday, Albina was then almost sick abed, but is better now. Lizzie was quite sick a few days, but is well now I believe. She is a sweet child. Perhaps 'tis because she belongs to our folks, but it seems to me I never saw a lovelier little girl — so good, and so sensible too. She has been petted enough to spoil a dozen common children. Tommie went into the woods yesterday for the first time — Mehitable has gone out to the cottage, and Hattie is doing the chores, so I am all alone, enjoying myself. I went over home and stayed while the boys were there. Eliah is as gay as ever. Interested

was used in all the gentle girls. Sophy, judging from his words and actions, seems to be settling down into Bachelor despair. I feel as if when we go to live in Denver and he sends with us, I can make his life happier than it is now, but I don't know. I shall try. She asked me, in reply to something I said one day, if I considered Eli's letter Vain Repetitions! I worried to you in my last letter about Anne, but the same day my letter was mailed, we received one from her. She seems to be well situated, and enjoy herself finely. I am so glad. I was afraid she would be homesick and sad. Now I feel quite comforted about her.

Letters from the "Kinnies" at Wisconsin bring interesting intelligence. Olive is married! Her husband (one Joseph Stiles Hall) is a student near Harvard some time, & when, four or five years hence, he comes to Maine to visit his friends, at Fannie's request, he came to mine. He was "Fannie and Anne" smitten. Their bed comes sometime before Olive will. Then, and never not Lora, it seems, is "smitten enough" after her arrival. She is a good girl, and deserves that & has she not found a good husband. Bachelor says she ain't go in Eli Hamlin's

One Mr. Rice from the east part of this city. Eugene The Bachelor pet, which Charles used to own - lives in Anne Ann's house. While the families his own. Has a wife and five children. Olive, you don't I suppose, dimples.

You inquire if it is "Irving Bartlett." this name is familiar to us. He was assistant in Zoological Museum at Yale. An agricultural teacher, so called. I intend it will be a short

me of these days. You see Cousin Charles has written to me. When I visited Hampden P. O. frequently though all our letters, with one or two exceptions came to Granger. He has written to the Hampden P. O. to forward letters, so if the next time we come from there I shall get it. After waiting a reasonable time, I will write to him again. You inquire what I am reading for. Just now "Allison's History of Europe" the other day, from the Mercantile Library, which I read with much pleasure, & should do so, were it not like all history, filled with accounts of "wrong and outrage", shedding of innocent blood, and all the horrors of warfare and war. I read last night till I was faint and sick, and had to just throw the book away - all about the butchery of all the Paris prisoners, and the execution of Louis. Well - tell you tell me what "Louis" is on the English throne now. Haven't I read something about a contemplated, or wished for alliance, among some of the royal families, which would bring one of the old houses to the throne again. If so, I have forgotten what. Again, you ask how many people will be benefitted by our residence in Nile. I don't know Isaac. I don't feel as though I did much good in the world anywhere. Perhaps I am wrong that I do not mingle more in society. But I don't love to. Besides most everybody that I used to know here has gone away, and their places are filled by those with whom I am unacquainted. I keep close at home from choice, and have no one to go to but Alfred. I love to help him when he gets puzzled about his sums. We have good Baptist preaching nearly all the time this winter, and quite an interesting Bible Class,

conducted by Col. Lee. He was one of the first party of the third Corps. I join which you know is very interesting.

I must write to Lizzie Dow tonight, so I'll just say to you for the present, & let Samuel write some when he comes home only answering one more question, viz. "What is Samuel's "scratch" of which you speak". As near as I know how to define it, it is a little wig. Whereas he was in very fair good looking before, he is bald as one needle, hands down now! I don't know whether 'tis best to hope you will be home out of Indiana, but I want to see you a great deal.

Feb. 8th I think on the whole I will forward this to you, and let Samuel write next time, just mailed a letter to Brother to direct to Northfield as I told him, however that you will get it before many days will have pass. In the last Journal I noticed the marriage of one of your former friends & Deacon, viz. Rev. Hamlin Merrill of Columbia, to Miss Sarah Whitman." Samuel is writing here now. Warm & pleasant weather, & returns thanks. Cars in with steam at home a week. Fine [illegible] is at home other week now until Spring. Sam is home to see us [illegible] all well. Walk before Christ is [illegible] 140 miles in 2 days, 62 miles on foot, and [illegible] time.

We are going to Dover and Foxcroft in a few days these days. Principally to [illegible] business. Some [illegible] on them a year. I mean to go see them if I can. Charles was there a few days ago. [illegible] of J. Merrill. [illegible] from a "Union" [illegible] Samuel's name formed in this, [illegible] [illegible] upon [illegible]

Hilo Hawaii Feb. 1849

Hilo Hawaii Feb 9th 1849

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Rev. & M. Ireland

Nantucket

Mass.

Wells March 10th 1849

Written Isaac

I was sorry won't you write to Isaac and as you also express a wish to hear from me I comply. But what is there about which I can interest you. I am the greater part of the time in the woods when I find but little to interest me with very much to annoy and perplex. I believe that it is generally said that every one is apt to think their particular occupation affords less than a fair proportion of the privileges and pleasures of life. It appears to me however that the life of a lumberman actually presents but very few attractions for any one who has the least taste for society or domestic life. Perhaps I am mistaken in thinking that I can in no other way so readily or easily obtain the means necessary to live as custom says we must live. If we could loose ourselves from the obligations (I suppose they must be called) which society has thrown about us. how little apparently of the present labor which we have to perform would be necessary to supply all our wants. But I am far from believing that that would be desirable. I rather believe that an active life, active for some worthy purpose is the mode of life best suited to the ~~[illegible]~~ happiness of man in all the relations in which he may be placed.

How far can we decide our own course in life? We lay plans and build fairy castles. and say that we will do this or that thing that we will walk in a broad highway or in some narrow retired path. yet at times how suddenly, at times all our plans and prospects frustrated. Sickness lays its hand upon us. or death takes some dear friend from our side from whose society we

anticipated much to assist us in our way through this vale of tears"

How different the situation of all with but few exceptions from what they might perhaps have good reason to have thought it would have been a few years since. But there is One foundation on which we may build our hopes of present and eternal happiness which will never be removed, the Rock of Ages. Let us build on that Rock make a wise improvement of our present privilages and be happy to day. He who looks to the future to find the means of happines will always be miserable. Sufficient enough to make me happy to day. W. Tucker

Wells River Vermont Dec. 10th /17

Dear Brother Isaac

It is Sat. eve. Samuel brought me over here this afternoon to spend the night and go to meeting tomorrow. Josie is writing to you at home, so Samuel and I will write ourselves. Your last letter was received in due season. I waited impatiently for its arrival, as I felt in great haste to write to you on an important subject. Matrimony again! matrimony concluded!! I told you in my last of my contemplated visit to Lower Layercroft. We went up one afternoon. I spent the next day there, while Samuel went to St. Albans on business, returned the third day. In the morning I went to see Mrs. Hunt - formerly Mrs. Fox, you recollect. She seemed unhappy - and I presume is so, in her present connection - was very glad to see me, spoke of you with much feeling, said Lincoln felt very bad that you did not come that spring, afternoon went to own good Mr. Parker's - who, people say, is rich & lives and tills in Layercroft - at night, back to Lower Cotton and, Monday spent the night. Well, preliminaries adjusted, wasn't Mary Lower made to be your wife? I did not see her, as I had hoped to do, as she had not closed her school at Sangerville. I understand she has been the first scholar in the Academy for a number of terms, or rather perhaps, a competitor with Sarah B. Carter, for that rank. She is highly esteemed by all. We know she is good, gentle, modest, loving, and just as neat! & ~~just~~ as neat! ~~and~~ ~~just~~ as neat! ~~and~~ ~~just~~ as neat! ~~and~~

Lucy & Samuel
Milo
March 11th 1849

Bangor, Brooks, Bangor Jefferson
April 2d 1849
Weare N.H.

Have we told you that "Aunt Polly" has taken a babe six months old for her own? 'Tis one of her sisters Mrs. Philbrook, who died last winter. 'Tis sick, has fits - I said 'twont live.

Milo Apr. 14th 1849.

Dear Brother

Josie is writing, so I'll say a "wee bit" to put in with his letter. Our last letter I presume you had not rec'd, when you wrote last, as it was directed to Grants, came back to Bangor, and was redirected to Goffstown. Had you rec'd it, I doubt not you would have made some reply to mine at least! Jos. is at home here to stay all summer and get well, which we think he has already begun to do. He is a pretty good boy considerin. How I wish you could have been here a few weeks this spring with him and me. What good times we'd have! He reads and writes a little too much I guess, but he begins to go out doors more as the warm weather comes on. Rode horseback up to Boobar brook this morning by way of the Interval. Samuel has got through in the woods - went to Bangor last Monday to find where we are going to live this summer! I expect him home today. We shall probably go to Hampden again however. I do not like to live there very well, but I suppose it is best. Samuel thinks if he does the surveying at the mill this summer, he can be sure of a chance to survey in Bangor in future, which is what he want to do. I suppose we shall move from Milo next week, and take Jane with us. She is a very good little girl in the main (a little too bright sometimes) but is certainly a difficult child to manage & get along with. I think she will make a smart woman, but I feel as if it is a great care and responsibility to take charge of her. I rec'd another letter from Maria a short time since, which I have not got answered, but intend to soon. Tired I must let write any more now, but will again soon as we get settled, whenever it may be. Write to me often - affr. Sister Lucy -

P.S. I nearly three months since, for home myself from Ann. Mother, Charlie & I have written Lewis that if she were sick, some one would have write for her. Pshaw! a letter has been lost, but we feel quite confident. Don't you feel so too? Lewis? That is, if you are not in a wonderful hurry

Milo
Me Apr 16

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Mr. I. S. Metcalf
Oil Mill Village
N. H.

Oil Mill Village

Apr 21 1849
Oil Mill Village
Bakers

My last letter referred to heretofore was dated Milo March 21, Lucy's last which she spoke of was enclosed in that of my previous one (also unsplied to). I have forgotten which. My walks are down to the barn, out in the north field in various directions, and occasionally to the old house or up to Almeida's. It would afford me pleasure to receive a letter from you. Samuel Thurston & his wife has got a baby. C.W. Rich & his spose will be very likely to do likewise. J. M. M.

Hails July 5th 1849.

Dear Brother Isaac

The people have most miserable ink so I don't know how I shall get on writing. Have got Alameda's, but it's very little better. Guess I'll only write a little & finish my letter after I go to Hampden. I deferred writing a few days thinking to write here with Joseph, but shall "back out." I think. Samuel & I came up Thurs. afternoon July 3d he went back next day - I am to stay long as I please, which will probably be about a fortnight. Samuel has helped Bro. Curtis buy the stage line for $2 M, worth and had it in the bargain that I should ride to and from Hails as often as I pleased, free of cost, this summer. So I intend to improve the opportunity.

All things go on here about as usual. Charlie is a lively roguish little fellow, stealing away a good deal of everybody's time but Joseph's. He won't care for any body, but will study and read just as much as his strength will permit every day. He has been worse, owing to unusual & undue fatigue while at Hampden and returning from there, but is better now. Samuel and I are getting boarding at Bro. Crosby's, having capital times, and enjoying myself very much. Bro. Crosby has Brucenly's History, which I shall commence reading immediately on my return, as he has just finished it himself. He is a great reader, and

an intelligent man, and a very nice little fellow.
I really wish I had your bundle of books. Hope you
will be able to leave to come home and twice soon
long, won't you? I want you should visit Elsie and
try & cure him of his California fever, which he has
certainly got to an alarming degree. What's gold compared
with his own comfort & health, and Mother's feelings? I say
he must not go. He is coming home soon, and I guess
Mother will damp his ardor somewhat.

About Ruth's wife, I don't know where she came
from - down river somewhere - is not very well educated, is
taking lessons in Drawing, Music &c. Miss Ike Keen, the
late Principal of Hampden. I have heard of the Lady Van
Lennep, should like much to read the memoirs, though
Father with you that most memoirs are not worth
reading. Samuel continues not to build, for several reasons,
He would not wish to build a poor cheap house, & any ex-
pensive one would not pay for the cost. If he should become
fixed there, Nathaniel might take advantage of it with
regard to wages &c. &c. Elmira has come now wants me
to help her, so I'll leave now, and write soon after I go
to Hampden - Good bye - xis Lucy -

Charles has a lame side. Is supposed to have got
a rib fractured by a Cows horn, or else by falling,
not a thrust. He can't now work, which inconvenience
s him. It would perhaps be proper to say something
to you about your bad practice of buying books. It is

profundity [illegible] that ought to be restrained. Books are exceeding poor property, as a general thing. A few solid [illegible] standard ones are exceptions to the rule. If you are to buy books do buy such as Am. Encyclopedia, not such transient trifles as Some dictionary, Evangeline, Longfellow's second, Kavanagh, Lowell, — not that the last are objectionable, — they are good to amuse an hour doubtless, — their aggregate cost would be much towards purchasing a more expensive work like Am. ones of real, substantial, permanent, benefit to you. If one [illegible] to buy books, one is for instance as Vattel, Arnold's Rome, Bancroft's U.S., Upham Philos. also Brain's of Reference as American Almanac Best collection of Maps

it would truly be a fine thing
How long would it take me (?) to learn me Latin, without any teacher, so that I could make out the meaning of such Latin quotations as I come across in my perusals?

You have doubtless good right to complain of this ink. We have done our best though at Mills Bros. Of the 2 kinds we have (2), though so pale as to be invisible, & so somehow that won't flow scarcely at all — but grow thicker by doing so. I hope you will be able to read it.
Answer some questions in your next that may be found in my last. We have got a nother lot of ink which is better yet.

J. M. Metcalf.

Mr S.S. Mattoon
West Goffstown
N. Hamp.

Mrs Ann Judd
Aug 13 1844
Hartford

Hampden July 20th 1849.

Dear Father Isaac

I acknowledge my fault; and beg your pardon most humbly for so long delaying to answer your letter of June 3d, and do without further apology begin to write. From the note enclosed in Joseph's last letter you have learned of my recent visit to Milo &c. I returned last monday the 16th inst. Mr. Cutts drives the stage this summer, and in consideration of money lent him by Samuel, he lets me ride to Milo whenever I please for nothing, so I intend to avail myself of the opportunity frequently. Elijah and Charles Dennett came to Milo while I was there, & staid three or four days. By some accident the horse run over Charles and bruised him considerably, but he was well enough to come back with Elijah. Also a naughty cow hooked brother Charles, and broke one of his ribs, so he had to give up work a few days, but not long enough for it to get well. It is getting better now. Moreover a little boy down to the boarding house had his leg broken badly last night in five or six places, by a log rolling on him. Has a pretty bad time with it. I can't help feeling anxious every day about Samuel for fear some accident will befall him at the Mill. But I know it is wrong to trouble myself about it - he is in the hands of One who will do all things well. As for Joseph, our poor dear brother, Joseph, I don't know what to say. He was getting along finely, and we all felt quite encouraged about him, before he came to Hampden and while he was here, but he think he exerted himself too much while here, and got too much fatigued going home. He has

had a kind of slow fever since he went home, which left him weak and miserable. The warm weather seems to affect him very much. He is not near as well now as when I first came away in the spring. does not walk out in the garden without stopping to rest. He is very patient and in good spirits most of the time. Reads a great deal, more, I think, than is good for him, and takes a good deal of comfort playing with Little Charlie. He says he shall not stay in Mile Cross Lane till the first of Sept. Thinks some of going to Waterford but has not decided what to do. I feel somewhat in favor of his going. You know they have been very successful in their treatment of spinal difficulties, and his paralysis was occasioned by an injury of the spine, you know. I wish if he does go to Waterford, Mother could go to be with and take care of him. It would seem hard for him to go alone.

Mother seems in better spirits than she did last winter, but her health is not very good. She has not so much strength as she used to have I think. Taking care of children is much wears upon her, though Charles always seems afraid she will do too much, and Albina is kind & considerate and tries to make every thing easy as she can I think. Mother is very fond of Charlie – he is a dear little fellow – looks just like Charles and a little like his grandfather Kitteridge! Is a lively, good natured, thoughtful little fellow, just such as every body loves to play with. Has a very pretty eye – full, round and blue. Joseph amuses himself a good deal with him. The little one (namely as yet) is homely enough. Looks just like the Harts (Mrs. Kitteridge's folks.) Is very healthy and very little trouble. We all [illegible]

get it named while I was there, but could not get all parties suited. Elish wants it called Tonic, and thinks he has a right to name it, as it was born on his birthday. Joseph would like Ralph or Wilder, but I believe the choice is Rodney, Wilder or Waldo. I think they are all pretty names. I tell Charles to make which he takes first, but he must not use but one at a time, or the names will not hold out. I do wish you could leave your business and come home a little while, for your own sake, as well as Joseph and the rest of us. It seems as though you ought on account of your health, to give up your cares and labors for a few days at least in this hot summer weather. I think if Joseph was well enough, he would go out to see you, but he certainly is not able to go anywhere from home now. I do hope when cool weather comes, he will be better, but I don't know. I think we must all try to encourage him as much as it will do to.

We (Samuel and I) do have very fine times this summer. His health is as usual, perfect. I have never been in better health since I can remember. He comes from the Mill about half past six usually. Sometimes we ride to Bangor, but usually read sing or talk till bedtime. Do not have so many calls as last summer. We have got a letter of dismission from the Church in Hampden, and intend to unite with the Third Church in Bangor. Mother had a letter from Aunt Conant while I was at home. She says Baldwin has left Cousin Lucy, and is paying his devoirs to another Lady. She is thin as a poor, but too proud to say anything about it. I fear she is too spunky. Guess I'll leave the other page for Samuel if he wishes to write. Is Lucy. [illegible] as I was, but write to me soon.

Lucy
Hampden
July 2[nd] 1849

Samuel thinks he cannot leave home to write today. A German Prince is boarding at the Mills. Belongs in Bremen. I went to board the other day. was invited to "Dom essen" with her.

Mrs. S. S. Mussey
Mead Plantation
N. C.

W. G.
July 29 1849
Parkes

[illegible] 1847.

Very Dear Father

[illegible] Monday — which seems a
working day for [illegible] to send you a letter, & as
I think it is [illegible] to send you a letter, & as
write a letter, [illegible] I cannot [illegible]
getting ready [illegible] I will [illegible] [illegible] We came
from Glasgow last Tuesday — a week [illegible] did not
receive your letter [illegible] to answer it before we left,
and you [illegible] almost impossible it is to write a letter
for the [illegible] days after getting home. We must suppose
a little [illegible] & ask you, for [illegible] I remember is Dan,
read very [illegible], & just [illegible] [illegible] out in Glasgow, [illegible] to come to [illegible] for Tuesday
will tell you [illegible] while intended to [illegible] our Daguerreo-
types to [illegible] [illegible], Jane — just [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
one [illegible] [illegible], do you [illegible] think the [illegible]
very [illegible]! Well, when we go [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible]
will name them, [illegible] & you [illegible] [illegible]
& can [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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probably came by the steamer Hermitage from it is thought to have come the by that boat disguised in tomatoes, cherries, peaches, lobsters, and pretended fresh mackerel most of the cases were among those who had been sick with the prevailing disease of this season, or the effluvia filth and destitution found amongst the poor Irish who have suffered most. I believe there have none of the business men of Bangor died of it. The excitement Sunday and Monday was great many left Bangor. I disposed to believe that should the Cholera have ceased to rage the it will have a very fine general effect upon the health of the City the streets have been cleaned effectually, and I have no doubt but that cold water has found its way to sinks to which before it has not been accustomed

I suppose there will be no business at the Mill until there a rise of water of which at present I see no prospect I do not know how long we may stop but perhaps two or three weeks. We expect to commence hauling logs in Cedar in the boom next below Penobscot. Shall probably line them through this winter. I suppose some seal will next winter if I find [illegible] to employ me [illegible] Charles Bennett and Mrs Emmett have just called and I must close. Love to all and

Yours truly

[illegible]

Lucy Adams
Milo
Sept 11, 1849

Miss
Mr Sept 11

P. S. Merrill
Bradford
N. H.

Via Bradford
Sept 15
Paid 5 cts

Lucy B. Allen
Oct. 2d
Hampden
1849

Oct. 11, 1849
Parker

Northfield Oct. 11th

Dear sister Lucy

Your good letter of Sept. 16 was received in due season, i.e. just one week before we ~~came~~ to ~~Hampden~~. Left Lisle, which was last Saturday. I thought to answer it sooner, but literally had neither time nor strength. Charlie and Willie, (as they decided to call him) had it. Sam & Lib were there when Tuesday had the measles, about the time you were there, with bad complaint - Charlie got better but baby grew worse and worse until his disease terminated in Dropsy on the brain which caused his death. He suffered a great deal the last few days of his life. He had one fit which lasted nearly three hours, the day before he died, and ~~had~~ night another which lasted two hours or more and died immediately after his muscles stopped. Charles and Albina feel very bad indeed, but it would be a great deal harder for all of us to part with little Charlie. He is a dear little fellow - just such a little rogue as one cannot help loving. Mr. Kittredge lost his youngest child (an infant) about a week before baby died. It was then sickly in Mile for a short time past - two or three cases of real Cholera - no deaths. People have been exceedingly frightened here, and well they might be, for almost every case has proved fatal. The Mayor sent to Boston for a number of Physicians and nurses, so the Boston doctors thought they did not know how to treat it, but the Dr. from Boston

Samuel & I intend to have our daguerreotypes done while we are at Hampden & then I will send one to you.

lost all his patients, and went back saying he never saw any thing equal to Bangor Cholera for malignity. There were a number of very severe cases of Dysentery and Cholera Morbus before the Cholera broke out, which the doctors said were as near Cholera as the climate would admit, but they have found the climate will admit of it as malignant here as anywhere else. I suppose you have seen some accounts of it from week to week in the papers. There have been some 175 deaths since it broke out, four weeks ago last Thursday. This is a great number considering that from 1/3 to 1/2 the inhabitants have left the city. People have actually suffered for help. There have been very earnest appeals in the papers for assistance. In some cases only one nurse could be had when so much is necessary to be done. Its victims have been mostly the Irish and intemperate, though some others have been taken. Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. Nathaniel Pierce (daughter of Francis Shepherd) Mrs. Dr. Colman, Col. Valentine &c. There have been no cases reported for a day or two. I have this day despatched a letter of ten pages to Ann two of which Samuel wrote. Don't you feel afraid she will be sick? I don't know what to say to you in talking to me so much about writing letters! Why in the world don't you write more? I know I am not worse than you. But then I know I deserve it, and will try to do better in future. I've been to Brick this summer three times, once stayed a month, once a fortnight, and once with you, which has seemed to break up the whole summer, and, you may laugh, but I have really had a great

deal of sewing to do, besides which I have read considerable. Your training for being unable to understand "Characteristics of women" I take patiently, but I do venture to remark in self defense that I have read with avidity and delight all of Shakespeare that I could put my hands on, and vigorously smacked my lips for more! and moreover, when I did peruse said 'characteristics', I found that I did tolerably well remember such of Shakespeare's characters as I had ever read about. I think some of getting a vol. or two of Shakespeare from the Mercantile Library in Joseph's name, which he has given me permission to do. "Friends - Fortune" I have read - think it a fine story. "Two Lives" Mother has not read, and I left it [illegible] disclosures, I reserve back, and intend to read. For some time before we went to Nile, Samuel had made a practice of reading a portion of Upham's mental Philosophy aloud every evening, and making remarks thereon, which practice we have resumed since our return. Prime Hostess has just been in - she fears I shall write away all my senses so that I shall not know anything by night, that word anything being so emphasized as to convey the insinuation that my knowledge is now very limited, which of course I do not gainsay. Well Isaac, we did have a grand time at Katahdin. I don't know when I ever enjoyed myself better anywhere. We got There just before noon - a capital road all the way - dined at the tavern, which is a very large house for such a place, and well ordered too, I should judge - After dinner, escorted by Jefferson

Lake, who is now agent for the company, we went to see the "Lions": the bellows and their machinery I will not attempt to describe, and will only say of the furnace that it is a great large place built of stone cemented together walls 16 or 18 feet thick, inlaied with fire proof brick, and looked rotten inside. Than any other place I ever saw except a glass oven. And such a roaring where the wind pipes went in each side! I could not help fancying I smelt it would blow up all the time I was there. From the ground, where is the mouth of the furnace we went up two flights of stairs to the top of the furnace. There, when it is sufficiently melted down, which they ascertain by measuring with a rod, they put in ten bushels of charcoal three hundred lbs. " " " lime stone, drops from the furnace, and another kind of stone somewhat resembling lime stone, which is found near the furnace and will answer in part instead of lime stone which they have to bring from Tobee - small quantities of each of these are used. They use about 12 hundred bu of charcoal & 15 tons of ore, and make 7 or 8 tons of iron per day. They have seven large kilns for burning coal, which hold 50 cords of wood each, and cost from 700 to 1000 dlls. apiece. They are built of brick with large wooden pillars and roof outside. When we had seen all these we went over to Moses Greenleaf's and took tea. He was quite unwell. They have both been out of health and he out of business all summer. They live in a little house with only one room finished. I suspect they are really poor. Times will not work, but what will come. They are going out to Ill. in a few

weeks - take Abigails two little girls with them, and Augusta Swasey. They think they shall enjoy better in with them, and get a living easier. Martha efficiency just as she used to, only looks paler and careworn. Well at 8 o'clock P. M. we went to the Furnace to see them draw or cast the Iron. They do this only in the morning and evening at eight o'clock, so in order to see it, we were obliged to stay all night, which I was not at all sorry we did, as it was really a fine sight. They tapped the furnace and the red hot iron ran out down a trench prepared for it into the moulds which were made in a long bed of sand extending almost the whole length of the building. It did look beautifully - illuminating the whole building, which was quite dark before. The iron ore which is brought from the mountain is placed in large beds upon dry wood which is set on fire under it, as it all must be burnt over before being put into the furnace. Some beds are three months in burning, though not usually so long.

In the morning we rode up to the Ore mountain, about a mile - fine timber road all the way - found some fine specimens of petrified leaves, moss, wood &c &c. saw the mineral springs and drank of the water. The ground is quite wet all about on the mountain, and on its summit is a beautiful pond where are many trouts. We did not go to the top, but the week before, Moses & Martha with Mr. Farnsell & wife from Brewer, and some others went up - had a fine time - pic nic &c. caught trout in the pond and had them for their dinner. They have found no native ore yet - get it only from the surface - find it from two to ten feet deep. They are beautiful springs - the water tastes like

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sick - almost exactly like some medicine Dr. Mc. Burr prepared for me two years ago. When we came back from the mountain, Col. Cilley from Sebec proposed to give us a sail in an Indian birch - we of course gladly assented. I never was in a birch before - had to sit quite still on some folded blankets on the bottom of the boat. We had a delightful time - across the little pond and the big pond and up the Pleasant river two or three miles, which did bend & wind about so beautifully, forming perfect oxbows again and again - fine large old trees on the interval banks, almost meeting over our heads in some places - The birds sang beautifully, it was perfectly still hardly a breath of wind, and we did skim so lightly and swiftly over the water! I did not exactly wish I was a wild Indian, but I did not wonder they loved to "paddle their own canoe" across the dark water. And the loons how they did holler. We saw three of them at some distance in the water and it sounded as if they were laughing at us just as hard as they could - I never heard one before.

We came back and dined at the tavern, rode down to Brownville and took tea at Mr. Sewall's and home. I wish you had gone up there - hope you will next time you come. I am very sorry cousin Charles could not have gone. Before I forget it let me tell you that Warren Foster is Speaker of the House of Representatives at Minnesota. Mr. Crocker who owns the slate quarries at Brownville married a rich wife at S. C. and brought her to Ellen Brown's to board. She did not wait upon herself at all, not even make her own bed, and Ellen had to carry up a luncheon of rich cake

(she could eat nothing else) twice a day &c. All this, besides the care of her own family, without help, has brought on derangement again - She is better than she was however. Mary Stacey (Perkins) was taken deranged at Brownville last winter & has been at Augusta Hospital ever since. Dr. Bates writes that she is nearly well and may come home soon. Mrs. Jenks of Brownville has been partially deranged all summer. Hannah Brown (now Mrs. Reuben Bowie) is not deranged that I know of, but is very mad, so that she don't behave decently because she has got a fine boy! Wasn't a parcel of news and gossip I have written. One more item and then we'll turn to home. Frances A. Bartlett is teaching high school in Phillips & Mehitable and John Foster attend.

Now for dear Mother & brother Josiah - Mother will not have near so much to do as she did when the little baby was alive - She did have to work quite too hard then - She says she can do all that is necessary to be done for herself comfortably. But I do very much fear that our poor dear brother is growing worse. I did not tell him my fears, but it seems to me he looses strength. He says he has more pain in his leg than he has done, and pain in his arm, hand and fingers - This may be a favorable symptom, but I am so afraid that his arm is becoming affected - he says it does not seem so strong to whittle &c. as it did. I do hope you will be able to come home again this fall. Mother feels quite unwilling to have him go to a Water Cure establishment, and so do I. I am afraid they will be rough with him, and he is so weak. Perhaps I am needlessly alarmed, and shall make you feel bad by writing so to you, but I do feel very much afraid he is growing worse instead of better.

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We hope to go to keeping house in a few weeks, and if so, we hope to have Mother and Joseph come and stay a good long time with us. But we don't know what will be for us. Last summer (a year ago) we expected to keep house in Bangor and have Joseph and Ann board with us - but instead, we were at Nile, Ann so far away and poor Joseph so lame and helpless. I dare not anticipate for the future. It has been a solemn time here this fall - We know not what will be on the morrow nor what changes are awaiting us. Ann does not seem (judging from her last letter) so happy as she has done. She begins to want to see home and friend again.

Lissie Doe started for Wisconsin while I was at Nile. She is going to see Ann.

Joseph has taken up his abode in Mother's little bedroom. Mr. Gilman thinks he can come to work some time this month. I feel in a great hurry to have the house finished, for Father is so apt to have the Rheumatism in the winter, it will not do for him to sleep in a cold room. Which Sam Mr. G. and I presume did all he could to hasten the matter. The Mill has not started yet - expect the logs sometime this week. Samuel went to Hermon this forenoon - has gone to Bangor this afternoon to see Fletcher. Said he would write some in this letter, but I am sure I don't know what he will find to write! You can't upbraid me about short letters this time - - - I have written eight pages to Ann (written closer than these too) and eight to you today - was sick abed all day yesterday - don't you fear I shall be tomorrow? Must stop for tea - They have grand company from New Jersey to Low - write soon - good bye

Lis Lucy.

Oct 3 I do not know as I have prayed this right but tho't it best to be sure to "get out of the way" what think you I can say after Lucy has written? I went to Bangor this morning to see the Gold Hunter start for California loaded with lumber for Government. $45. per M. and sixty passengers. Mr Hodge addressed the passengers, what he said was all very well. I never heard him before I missed the earnestness of Prof Shepherd, he appeared to want to speak feelingly. She was detained from sailing by the U.S. Marshall on a process of a part of the passengers (hired by Government) that their accomodation was not what the Law requires on the part of the [illegible] the matter will be fixed. There are a number of large vessels now loading here for San Francisco Lumber has gone up in consequence Mr Hathorne thinks some of running the Mill through the winter I hope he may it would afford me employment at home. if the Mill does not run this winter I may do some sealing unless you offer me some greater inducement While up Country I went to Dover called on Mrs Major Woodbury, she had just commenced housekeeping appeared very happy. for your especial benefit I learned that her sister Mary was at home.

You say to Lucy that we should learn something every day, and you seem to think that for that purpose that books are indespensable, I set a very high value upon good books, but believing that I can learn

human nature much more readily from a careful observation of those who are immediately brought into contact with us, than from the study of Mrs Jameson's characteristics of women. perhaps however I am wrong; I cannot bring myself to be very much interested in what I know to be fiction.

Lucy is calling me to sing with her - so I must away

Tuesday Oct. 4th. S.W.7

I conclude from appearances that Samuel was "put to his trumps" to find something to say, and no wonder, with his fiction or not. I suppose Shakespeare's characters are true to nature. Letter from Mother - she says they feel very lonely, could not have believed that Eddy's being taken, could make such a void in so short a time. We are making preparations to keep house - Mr. Linnaeus expects to move soon. The biggest woman that ever I saw for a mere last night - said to weigh three hundred pounds.

I really cannot find if anything more to write today. In good humour -

Lucy.

Sixty deaths of Cholera last Tuesday - a week ago one Saturday - two Tuesday - have no later news.

Write if you think you can come home, so that I may have your visits ready, as I might neglect them for other work if I knew they were not to be paid for at present. Mrs Cox - do not mention this.

I really think Jos. ought to be stopped 2/6 for the doing of his recovery which is not fair.

Hampden Oct. 30th 1849.

Dear Brother Isaac

Your last letter was duly received. For which favor please accept my hearty thanks. Really you hardly give me any credit at all for my last letter. Ten pages too! I am almost discouraged - about trying to write enough or often enough to satisfy you. But At that drop - Our dear brother Joseph, as you doubtless know before this time, has taken the decisive step, and gone to Waterford. I do hope it is best for him, and try to feel so - but it did seem at first, as though I could not have it so, that he had gone without my seeing him once more. We hoped to get to housekeeping before he came, and have him come and stay a number of days with us before he went farther, but he thought it was getting so late in the season, he had better hurry right on, so he only stopped one night in Bangor, & we did not expect him until the next day. The first I knew of it, Charles came down here, and said he had gone in the Boat that morning. I had not the least idea that he could be able to come from Phila in a day, but Charles said he did not seem very tired. Perhaps on the whole, it was easier for him then to have been longer on the road. Elijah said he seemed better when he got to Waterford than when he started - was very seasick & thought that did him good. I fear it was only the effect of fatigue and excitement, but perhaps the journey might actually benefit him. I almost felt as if I must go

might home with Charles to stay with Mother a while, and comfort her. How lonely and sad she will feel - Taking care of Joseph has seemed to be her employment all summer, and she will hardly know what to do with herself now. I am entirely bent on having her come and stay a good long time with us this winter. I believe all the objection she can, or pretends to raise, is that she must have a new cloak if she comes, and her old one will do another winter there! Burn this so soon as you have read it. We did expect to move last week into the little white cot, next door to Mr. Crosby's - but Mr. Hathorne is very anxious to have Samuel move in where he lives, as he expects to move to Bangor next week - So we concluded to wait a fortnight - We had much rather live there - a great deal better house - more convenient - pleasanter situation and nearer the mill. I do so hope you can come home this fall - and if you cannot come home, do if possible spare time to come as far as Waterford and see Joseph. I cannot imagine why you should think he had better not go to Water Cure - I thought you were always in favor of it. I feel very anxious indeed to hear from him. Edith seemed very much pleased that he left him in the care of old Mrs. Farley, who is the Mother of the establishment. I am not acquainted with her, but have often heard her spoken of as a fine woman. Samuel gets Kent's Commentaries for himself, and Shakespeare for me from the Mercantile Library in Joseph's name. Does that please you? I read "King Lear" for the first time the other day. How bad a naughty woman is! Mr. Crosby, as I think I told you,

is a real Hypochondriac - He is very bad indeed some days - groans so you can hear him all over the house. It is very distressing to see any one in such a state - What must it be to endure it? I don't wonder people call it the horrors - Samuel went down one morning, and seeing him sitting by the fire with a very long face, spoke in a cheerful tone, "good morning Mr. Crosby" - "It is'nt me - 'tis Satan", was the reply. His great burden seems to be that he has sinned away the day of grace - Grandma Crosby is very sick indeed - we have thought for some days that she could not live, but she seems more comfortable this morning. How thankful we all ought to be for health - of body and mind. And how highly we have been blessed in that respect as a family. I have thought of it this fall a great deal Samuel and I too, while there has been so much sickness and death on every side, we have enjoyed almost perfect health ever since we were married. What a tremendous storm last night - and yet continues - I fear we shall hear sad tidings from the sea. I suppose Elish has written to you about the fire in Bangor - Strickland's block all gone - they are preparing to build again. Pestilence fire and flood. There has been a great deal of housebreaking & robbery of all kinds since the Cholera in Bangor - There is considerable excitement here about Coolidge now-adays, what do you hear about him and what do you think? - Letter from Cousin Marian and Charles Sherman last week. I have fixed your shirts - they are all ready for you if you come home, or if it is worth while I can send them. Shall I? (Nov. 1st) I thought Samuel was going to write

the other page, but he has not a moment to spare, and says he knows of nothing particular to write if he had. Still waits the next time. We heard the Bangor bells ring for fire last night - do not know what burnt. Abby (Hill) Loring, now dwelling at Nile, during her husband's absence at California, has recently become the mother of a fine boy. Write soon. Samuel is waiting to take this - good morning - Lib Lucy.

Rev. S. L. Pike
Care Mile Asylum
N. H.

Lucy
Hampstead Nov. 1. 49

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Lucy
Hampden Dec. 16. '47

Hampden Dec. 19th 1847

I suppose dear Brother Isaac has been wondering this long time why Lucy did not write - perhaps accusing her of forgetfulness & neglect - and as Saml said to Joseph, I suppose I must plead guilty & throw myself on the mercy of the court - Still there are palliating circumstances - we expected to move so soon, I thought I would wait so as to tell you the whole story - We have moved (three weeks since) and do dwell in our own kind house, - The Mill has "shut down" - The men (paddies) are all discharged - I have made two carpets, hemmed & fitted curtains too numerous to mention, prepared a butter firkin full of mince meat (which you must know is no small job) & with the aid of one Mrs. Finnigan picked & dressed 35 Chickens (which are packed in snow for winters use) besides washing & scrubbing with mop & broom, more than I can tell, and arranging things which you know have been so long scattered in so many places - It is now ½ past nine P.M. and really I have not seen a half hour before since we moved when I thought I could consistently write to you - For a few days have had a sore shoulder & side so I could not well write - better now - wrote to Ann & Josie yesterday & today - We have a very comfortable house, besides being pretty - wish you could drop in & see us now and then - feel more settled than before since we were married. Jane is here, as happy as any one

Dec. 19

little damsel could be and love I suppose. She is a real good girl, besides being bright as a dollar— I am learning her to write— think I shall not send her to school this winter. I have got her bound, dress, cloak, aprons &c. She is a great help to us just as willing & free to work as busy as I do all day long if I don't attempt to skive, only coax & praise her a little An excellent girl to obey though— Mother has taught her "unwavering obedience" you know. I expect Brother before long I intend to lay you and Eliab under contribution for a cloak without saying anything to her first. The question is how to furnish her room— Eliab & I have been talking about it— whether her home-made rag carpet (which she has piecing) her old looking glass, a homemade lounge & some common chairs, or to buy a pretty common carpet, sofa, cane seat chairs &c. We got two good substantial, pretty carpets this fall for $15. and $13, a real pretty French sofa (round ends) for $32. cane seat chairs 1.50 apiece, good ones, mirror for $3. A good sofa could be got for 25 or 28 dolls. only not so handsome. Her table would answer very well with a pretty cover, though a out of date no matter— She has also a good rocking chair you know— I don't know whether E. has written you about it or not, but thought I would write a bit. Eliab was down here to Thanksgiving— Wished you and Josie were here too. Rec'd a long good letter from Mary Tower recently— at Woburn Mass. attending school. Roxanna Treat (sister to Joseph) who visited at Mrs. Crosby's last week, says she is engaged to one Mr. Hunting, a Missionary, & is preparing herself to go out with him. I suppose it is reliable authority, is it not? Thank you brother for giving us a little account of the "pretty little girl" you speak of— If she is like Mary Tower, I know I should like her. I think I would dare

if get acquainted with her if I liked her, if not. & you are not already acquainted! You inquire about Mr. Corby - the cause of his trouble is doubtless dispepsia - hereditary - and also strengthened & continued by the use of tea coffee tobacco, and especially luncheons at all hours of the day during his whole life. I suppose it is impossible, utterly, for him to throw it off as you say, but he is a most miserable being when the fits are on him - weeps, groans, screams wrings his hands &c. I never had any idea of such a state before. His poor wife bears all patiently, but is very much overcome by it. Our house has parlor front and back - parlor, sitting room, large bedroom, dining room, store closet, & kitchen (very convenient) below, - and five chambers above having large clothes presses and drawers - we do not furnish parlor nor chamber above it - our room below, "spare lodging room" as Mrs. Coffin says, over sitting room, two back chambers appropriated to Jane, & John Farber who boards here and attends Hampden Academy - almost three miles. We have all furnished to our mind, enjoy ourself much, & feel more at home than before since we were married - don't you wish you could spend an evening with us now and then in our cosie little sitting room? I do. I have not heard from Bible since Jane came - a fortnight since. Angelia Everett & Ellen Hill Loring have each a son. Dr. Snow died rather suddenly a few weeks since - Noah Dow died recently. I do not think of any more news - Prof. Shepherd has been giving us grand sermons lately on Bible characters - Abraham, Judas, Barabbas, Peter, Philip, Thomas Stephen &c. Have not heard anything so good and original for a long time - speaking of the rage of Stephen's enemies when they "gnashed on him

with their teeth" - said he "they would have pounced his bones with their very grinders if they could have come at him" - He is famous for such expressions. James Smith's are so fat they almost hide her black eyes almost out of sight. She is very anxious to see a rat - was talking away to herself yesterday - said she did wish she could find a whole nest of rats with the old one on & she would wring their necks, and set the cat on. Well I am filling up the sheet with nonsense, & Samuel said he would write some - so I'll bid you good night - Please write soon. I am truly glad for you, in my heart, if you have found your "bright particular star". You know my sentiments & views on that point -

Yr. Sis Lucy.

I can do no better than to commence when I close. And really I must congratulate you that you think of one in connection with a most interesting subject to every young man. It is a subject which if it claims our attention at all it claimes our deepest attention

I believe that a man can never take his right place and exert his right influence in society untill he is married, and I further believe that he should not marry untill he feels himself in a situation to be able to discharge the new duties and responsabilities which will devolve upon him. Presto change I expect to be "at home" this winter to wait upon my friends, & should be most happy to see them all. And how may a man tell all his friends, many who favour us with their friendship do it from a mere love of comfort and table However it never was my nature to doubt any one's sincerity & am apt to believe all that is told me, and I sometimes think him the happiest man who takes the most charitable view of the world. I think suspicion cannot take deep root in a warm heart. Are not men's views of the world taken from a consciousness of their own self? although not aware of it I will not trouble you with my reflections any further to night - The subject of marriage is always extensive when Lucy has written to & I must needs close

W. H.

Hampden Aug. 8th 1860.

Dear Brother Isaac

Your long looked and wished for letter came last night. I have wanted and wanted to write to you, but of course knew not where to direct a letter until after receiving one from you.

I am sorry to hear of Alfred's "dejection of Spirits" hope he will soon feel better, and do not doubt he will. I was hoping to see him as he went along. He insists that Joseph is better, so John Barker says, who came down in the stage with him. I have had no letter from Chile since you went away, though I have written again and again. If there is the least hope that the dear brother we love so well is any better I should think they might let us know it. They are decidedly naughty about writing. You speak of my getting the girls "trained in" so as to let them keep house while I go to Chile - you don't know how much I want to go to Chile, nor do you know how two such girls get along together without a head. Jane is a fly away in the extremest sense of the term, though well disposed and generally wishing to do right - Lucy is also well disposed and good always, but as you know exceedingly slow, fluttering and talkative at times. They are considerable help to me, and considerably they try my patience. I get along with them nicely, but could not think of being so unmercifyed to "our Husband" as to

leave him alone in their care! You must not let your weighty responsibilities and cares take too deep hold of you - always take suitable time for rest and play, and consider your health of more importance to yourself than your services are to any body else. If Henry Dunbarton is sick, I would certainly write to him or to his sister! Comfort and sympathize with the sick and afflicted by all means.

We have had some very warm weather lately, but no showers or rain for some time - hope there will be soon - Take care of yourself and not get sick with your sittings and fatigue. Lucy thinks of going home next week - I am well and strong as before I was sick. about, and can do milly with Jane's help - and Lucy ought to be going to school. Mr. Semple came down here the next morning after you were here, and staid all day. He seems to think a great deal of Lucy, and to feel very much interested in her generally. We think some of going to the Seminary to attend his call, see the curiosities &c. This afternoon at his especial request - He attends Church at the Hall every sabbath forenoon - What an odd fellow he is, but a very good man I think. He seems to think a great deal of Joseph - I love him for that! The old City Hall has been moved back, and is being fitted up for the use of the Third Parish Church, temporarily. Prof. Shepard is to be our Minister for the present.

Hannah Moore is engaged to the Hartford Association as a teacher for the west - going very soon - Miss

was a Circus in Bangor not long since - Prof. Shep
ard said he went to see it, and was much pleased
with their movements - Explanation - He looked out
the window when they were passing, and was pleas-
ed to see them moving out of town!

Little Abby Shapleigh came down yesterday to pass
the day and night - went home this morning. Samuel
is exceedingly busy and full of care at the Mill. Is
obliged to be there almost every moment. Elijah has not
been down since you were here. You went away and
my beautiful "picture" after all. You wished for a Cata-
logue of your books - Rhetorical Reader, Evangeline,
Hacteuus, Laurel, Smellie, two Vols. Upham, Elements
of Law, and Old Jolliffe, are all I find besides one or two
Greek books. Smellie I am going to send to Joseph when
Lucy goes. It is said to be very sickly about with Dys-
entery &c. There are more sick in this neighborhood. We
eat Cucumbers and all "green fodder" much more than
last year. I do hope the Cholera will not come here
again, but people seem to expect it. Write to Ann soon as
you have time, do - I am going to write to her soon, though
I have received no answer to my Card. How glad I am
that I went to Mills just when I did - else I should not
have seen you at all - I was so disappointed that you
could not stay here a little, and yet I was gladdder to
have you be with Joseph as much as possible. It is too
bad for so good a man as Gov. Briggs to be accessory to so
wrongful an act as executing Prof. Webster or any body
else - I don't feel right about it. If Samuel will write

Some in this I'll leave it till tomorrow. Otherwise it is finished, and I will mail it Today. So write whenever you can & guess time! Your Sister Lucy.

Thursday Morn. 1850

Lucy Thurston Thomas
Aug. 2 1850

L. L. Rodolf, Civ. Eng.
Newburyport
Mass.

Hampden Sept. 11. 1860.

Very dear Brother Isaac

Yours of Aug. 18. was some time since received, and I really intended to answer it before now. Last week Monday Jane and I went to Bath leaving "our Liege Lord" to take care of himself as he best could - Staid till Saturday, when he being too much engaged to come after me, Johnny took the stud. came and escorted me home. I thought I should write to you while there, but the time seemed to be all taken up, and very short at best. Dear Josie kept me botanizing most all the time. He would hardly rest himself, nor let me, till my Herbarium was all finished, filled up, indices made, and all complete. A good job well over and which I was very glad to do, both on my own account and because it pleased him and gave him something to think of. He does not lie down near so much nor so often as when I was there in June, yet his limbs are evidently much weaker. Why is it. He does not use his left hand at all, and cannot take a tumbler or cup from the table without spilling half its contents. He certainly will be unable to feed himself before a long time if he continues to grow worse. How can we think of it — Poor dear brother - so patient, cheerful and uncomplaining; thoughtful for every one else, and seemingly forgetful of himself. A Bible Agent happened along while I was there, and he bought Brother a beau

tipt Testament and Psalms" bound together - very large print. He had letters from you, Ann, Mr. Dole, and a most excellent one from Mr. Dole's sister, (who has been long out of health) while I was there. Mr. Dole has left Exeter and returned home for his health. I have just thought of the reason why I did not answer your letter before I went to Brks. The week previous was Commencement you know. Besides attending a part of the exercises, I had company all the week from Mond. till Sat. night. Mond afternoon Mehitable and Julia Hartwell came to attend Com. Staid till Friday. Thursday Charles Harlow happened in to dinner - about 7 in the evening Elijah and Josiah Bicker came to pass the night - staid to breakfast. Friday and Sat. Mrs. Capt. Stevenson (who boarded here in the spring) was here - Then early Monday morning I took the stage to Brks. Have been very busy since I came back - Mond. washed & Thursd, yesterday baked ~~and~~ cleaned house and went shopping for the Brks folks. Mrs. Thaxter, and Charles Harlow, just that he is, called. I have not the least doubt he is deranged he appears more and more like it. I do wish he would keep away - how can I make him? His cold, clammy hand makes me think of "Uriah Heap" in "Copperfield". By the way, when you get the rest of that, do not fail to send it in some how or other. I want to see the end thereof. Ann will doubtless come home next month unless something new takes place. I think I wrote you that Hannah Moore had gone to Hartford preparatory to going West as a teacher. At present writing, but I guess [illegible] Samuel Thorwell of Wilton, Conn. [illegible]

and presented to her a very handsome copy of the "Lady of The Lake", with engravings, notes &c. She seemed very much pleased, and left for him a beautiful Vol. of H. Kirke White's poems together with a good kind sympathizing farewell note. Her farewell to Bangor, published in the Courier was very good - especially a fine touch for Prof. Shepard - "New England's best Shepherd &c". The Third Parish are about buying a second hand Organ - very handsome - great bargain - $800. The Sewing Circle buy it, only the gentlemen are to furnish $500. towards it! Just as much as we poor Cadies can do, you see. Col. Lee and wife have gone to Bucksport. I expect they will make us a visit on their return East of this week. I am glad Alfred likes and prospers so well.

Mr. Wilson who has been City Missionary in Bangor for a few past, is going to divide his time between Child & Sebec the coming year. I am so glad. Mr. Temple was not thought to be a suitable person, though everybody says a very good one. He expended my expectations at Con. Subject "The Preacher's three books". Bible, Creation & Providence. Original, quaint, and rather humorous. Wilson was excused. I know not why. Bingham and Steele test. Both seemed to think he should do best, but alack and alas! he forgot his Caesar & had to take out his paper. He felt very bad I guess, and many people were so naughty as to be glad of it - said he needed a thorn. Everybody says he is smart and everybody says he knows it too well. S. and I have written to Josie today - Please to write soon - good night, My love to Antoinette. Your sister Lucy, that loves you.

Samuel Thrasher of writing, but I guess Alfred knows - Time.

Lucy & Samuel. Hampden Maine
Sept. 11. 13 1850

Please to excuse me for not writing before this I have been very much crowded with other things. Elial I believe wrote to you that I would like to get that span hundred of yours, And if you have any more of them this fall I would like to get them of you as I am having to hire some money to get along with our bills on the 4th Senator have got hers done is now loaded with dust for Boston I think quite favorably of her I suppose Lucy has told all the news Wm L. Downey Esq of Belve committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor about two weeks since. been partially deranged for some time Hoppo

In haste

L. W. Gurbon

Bangor Sept 12.

Samuel has just handed me this to mail saying that I could write if I wished am so busy that I shall not be able to this time have just read a letter from Ann She has concluded to come home, will probably be here by the last of October. Good!

Your Brother,

Elial

Newbury. N. H. Sept. 14. 1850

Hampden Sept. 20th 1850

L. L. Metcalf

Yours of the 15th inst was rec'd yesterday enclosing a draft on the Traders Bank of Boston for $100, for which I send you a note Business has seemed to come round in such a way that the Senator comes into my hands as it were almost without any action of my own. If there is any risk in the Senator it is in owning too much of her rather than in her cost, she is beyond a doubt a good piece of property but I ought to have what I own in her in three or four vessels. so that in the event of a loss I should not loose all. I am very glad that you have been so fortunate in obtaining a good party, how much of our happiness depends upon the characters of our associates, Alfred I think well of, his character is in one sense just forming. it seems now to be in healthy state and if subject to right influences he will make a worthy man. I feel much interest in him. Eliab has been asked if he would accept of the Office Grand Scribe of this Division of the L. T. I advised him to consent to be nominated pay $20 per year We rec'd a letter from Anna a few days since. She starts for home about the first of Oct.

Lucy is too much engaged to day (Saturday) with her
taking it to write she sends much love and a
promise to write next time

Yours

L. W. Gerber

Mr Crosby is here this morning, health good

Oct 28th 1850

Bro Isaac

I suppose that I have been very much to blame for not writing to you before, Lucy wasted two weeks ago to day and I suppose took cold. had a great deal of pain in her back and sides and for a few days had a bad form of dysentary and then a severe cough but would not call her self sick nor allow me to get any one to take care of her Tuesday of last week I sent for Doct McPhee. he said she had the worst form of Lung fever and she appeared to be getting better her cough less dry and hard and raised quite easy. your Mother came down here last Thursday. this morning at six o'clock we were presented with a daughter by Dr McPhee Lucy is now (11 O'clock) as comfortable as we could expect and I do feel that she will get well. though all anxiety concerning her. I hardly expect the child will live though Dr McP thinks it quite likely to. I feel that we have much to be thankfull for if Lucy recovers, I will write again in a few days. when is any the word that she should start for home the 1st inst, Elias has paid me some money ($8.38) for you, Joseph continues to fail as I suppose you are aware from your Mils letters, Excuse this scrabble as we are very much confused just now

I, W, H

I will write a little tho' I hardly feel like it. We have had a very trying time 3 days ago I all but despaired of Emmys life, I thought we had very little reason to expect that she would ever be well — if she was spared to us a few days longer; But O the goodness & Mercy of God She is apparently considerable better her fever has abated her pulse was at a hundred and thirty & [illegible] such pain in the side & hard coughing. Tho' an untimely birth we feel that the Mother & child will both be spared How thankful we ought to feel

I'll take this opportunity to say a few words about Joseph you know I cant do it at home very well. I like to have him see what I write, when I write for him he wont let me say any thing about himself. He sits up more (frequently till after dinner) and seems to feel quite as well or better than when you went away, needs a great deal, hears the Childrens lessons, plays Back gammon some, But his limbs are still failing he will probably not be able to feed himself but a short time longer he cannot stand at all, in the least he takes his drink through a little tube chooses it rather than have his tumbler put to his mouth, How calm & patient & happy he is you already know, I feel better about him than I did his life may be long and happier than most others. even if he never recovers the use of his limbs They let of a case of a man in Hampden who had not the use of his limbs at all for 20 years & is now a well man. God is able to restore Joseph again

Where can Ann be if she does not come in tomorrows

boat I shall feel alarmed about her. What is your conclusion about coming home. I wish you could come if only for a few days. You will want to see Anna & the little Niece if it lives

Tuesday noon. I neglected going to Banyon yesterday. so your letter laid over. Lucy is as comfortable to day as we could hope. The little stranger is promising to day to live.

In haste

P. V. G

Samuel W. F. Bangor Maine

Oct. 28 1850

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Nilo Dec. 30th 1850.

Dear Brother Isaac

I hardly know where you are nor where to direct a letter, but we want you to come home. Our dear Joseph is certainly failing failing. He seems better this morning, That is, more comfortable, and we hope better - Dr. Kimball is here, and thinks him better than last week - Samuel & I came here last Saturday - That morning Joseph had a very distressed time coughing - or rather could not cough, nor hardly get his breath. The doctor thinks he has not taken cold, though in some respects he appears like it - he has not strength to cough, and it is very difficult for him to raise anything from his lungs. The Dr. spoke quite discouragingly about him - said that he might live two or three weeks or a month, and might be taken suddenly without much warning. Joseph has said many times lately "I hope Isaac will come" - He has not said much about it, but we think he does not expect to live a great while.

I asked the Dr. what I should write to you this morning. He said his pulse were decidedly better this morning, and he might live till Spring. It may be a cold That he will soon get over and be better.

Do not mention anything about this letter when you come or write, as Joseph does not know it

as written. Do not be alarmed, as he may be better than I fear. I have told you as nearly as I could exactly how he is — in haste — Sister Lucy.

Bangor June 6 1851.

Dear Brother Isaac

I received your good letter yesterday, just as I was preparing to go to Hampden to visit my friends, the Crosby's - I hasten to answer it today, hoping it will reach you before you leave Westfield - not because I have any thing in particular to write, but because I suppose you will be glad to hear from us. I am sorry you were no more successful in finding business - I hope you will succeed better in N. Y. You owe a very good brother to write to me - I did hear you come back that morning, & I was not sick after my supper, though I must confess to suffering from a horrid dream or nightmare in the night - a hideous looking man stared at me through the window - I could it entirely to "Oliver Twist" and old "Fagin" the Jew, however, rather than to ~~Scott~~ fiction! ~~Margaret Crosby Spear~~

James arrived here about noon Tuesday with the cows, somewhat tired and lame. He intended to go home today, but on my own responsibility I decided to keep him here till Monday, that he might have more time to look about the inside of a meeting house &c. and wrote to his Brother to that effect. He seems to enjoy life finely. There was a great fire Wednesday, the largest for many years. Broke out in

Johnson's Machine Shop - burnt six dwelling houses on Baptist hill and Exchange Street, among which were the Hammet Block, a large brick boarding house and another two tenement large house just below the Universalist Church. besides several shops &c. The Univers. Church on the lower side is black from top to bottom - The wind was very high, so that the roofs of houses caught many times up on State St. as far as Dr. Mc. Nutts. The fire was quenched after two or three hours, but broke out again in the night and burnt the brick stable joining the Hammet house, which much furniture, bedding &c had been deposited for safe keeping from the burning houses. Altogether it was quite an exciting time for the boys James. Estes' and Whitten's Stove foundry was also burnt. With the help of Elias and Samuel I have purchased a small, rich, morning pin, in which I am going to put some of Joseph's hair, & have his name marked on the back. Do you approve? I am glad you succeeded so well in getting stones.

I am hoping to see Brother here in two or three weeks. She wrote that she would come as soon as the Sheets were sheared. Elias is pretty good about coming here once in a while. We met a Mr. Talmage, quite out of breath, from the Seminary, at Mr. Cooley's yesterday - do you know him? Said he would call to have a sing some day. Sarah Harlow called a few days since - I spoke of your having been here &

cently, at which she blushed to her ears. She looks very much like Charles - more than ever before.

Samuel begins to talk of buying a house lot here somewhere and in the course of time building a house. Charles' cow is spending a week with Mr. Hathorne on trial! I think I can report a little progress in the matter of health. Mrs. Hastor advises me very strongly to try Dr. Nevins. Think I shall see Dr. Mc. Once again first at any rate - He is out of town now. I will send this to Eliot to finish and mail - I wish I could go with you to Westfield - I am daily expecting a letter from Ann - I believe my last letter to her was written when I was not so well as usual & withal slightly low-spirited. I have felt better since & I fear she thinks I am worse than I am. So write again soon - Your affectionate sister

Lucy.

Lucy. Bangor June 6. 1851

Mr. Hawkins. Sept. 13. Via Westfield & Springfield

Bangor June 26- 1851.

Dear Brother Isaac

I have just written a letter to Anna, and will now scribble to you, though I don't know as it will go where you will ever get it. I wrote one and sent to Westfield, which I presume has not reached you, though I wrote it as soon as I received yours, desiring me so to do. We are very glad you are so good to write, but I feel sorry to think of you as wandering, wandering, so far and so long. What a pity it is you did not get to Albany a little sooner. We received yours from Chicago. I shall hope you can find a situation to suit you without staying so far from home - and especially in Illinois. I have an idea that it is very unhealthy there. So, dear brother be very careful of yourself - as you journey about, and change temperature so often there is especial need of care.

Our Brother has come to stay a good long time. I expect she misses the vegetables so fresh from the garden, the strawberries, which are abundant The flowers & The children - but we'll try to make her comfortable as we can - I suppose it will comfort her daily, in some measure, to know that she is such a comfort to me. Elijah came up to the last meeting bringing

a box of beautiful strawberries with him. He has talked with Mr. Brown and decided, I believe to leave as soon as Frank returns from Boston - he came home last week, and staied two or three days - is now in Boston for a short time on business. I am very anxious to have Elish leave all business for a time & rest and recreate a few weeks or months. He does not seem so well since the warm weather. As for me, Dr. Ives Rives and the rest of us begin to think that I am getting better. I have walked across the room a few times. He thinks it will hurt me to try to walk as much as I can. Short dresses are in the street in all directions nowadays. I like them. Samuel is really in earnest for me to change costume. He likes it much - thinks it more healthy too.

Edwin Brown was married last November! Even his own folks knew nothing of it till a week ago. It is said the parents of the young Lady (Boston) were opposed & they were married privately to have all secure, before he went away - I am reading "Fascett's Conspiracy of Mexico" - very interesting - but O, so much cruelty, war & bloodshed! Miss Page lent me "Mrs. Child's letter from N. Y." I have heard a good deal about it - but am quite disappointed on reading it. I supposed it was something more substantial. Some pretty things, but there seems to be a constant effort to say smart things and bring Mrs. Child into notice. Am I mistaken? Books & that stamp - lively

pretty style, but not much in them of it all - seem to be very much the rage now a days. My back aches, so I'll leave this for Mother to finish - So please to continue to write often. Good bye & good luck - Affectionately, Lucy.
Mary & Lucinda Power are both teaching school in this - Mary is the Village, Lucinda at the corner.

Mother thinks she cannot write now; as Elisha is waiting to take the letter - Good bye -

I can't say as I have much news now I have just been down town Shopping can you believe it - Mrs Greenleaf you know - Spent from 15 to 20 $
The folks at home Dairy just about as usual good bye

God bless you my Son

Lucy & Mother Bangor Me.
June 26. 1857
Mt. Hawkins, Sept. 13, Via Springfield Ill.

Box 411

Maine

Mrs. Lucia C. Bates
Springfield
Illinois

Mother, Lucy, & Samuel Bangor
July 21. 1851
Aug.

Bangor July 21 1851.

My dear Lavinia

Eliab rec'd a letter from you last week, dated "Downieville in Jackson County, Cal", July 6th, and just marked Via Lavinia. Soon after he bought it in. I went to ride and immediately after I returned, came Alice Sargent all the way from Wisconsin, where she has been spending the last eighteen months. Anna Hovie was with her. She was here all day yesterday - She has now gone down street with Mother, and I improve the time in beginning a letter to you. I have written two and part of another since you went away, directing to Westfield, Springfield, and Locust Hill, as you requested, none of which it seems you had received. I think you must begin to feel anxious to hear from home. Be pleased from your letter that you were a little homesick - I am sure I should think you would be. I hardly see how you can get along without a cozy little home by yourself somewhere, sometimes. It seems to me that you could not get a satisfactory answer home and always content. But the most I think of is Pleasure and Profit. So use every possible precaution about your health.

Eliab started this morning in the Boat for Boston, from Maine - we know not where. He has a list of names of recommended Dry and Fancy Goods to most every body in here and Chicago! His

wealth is not at all good - I fear he is not long for this world. I hope, however, he may get better.

Col. Lee and Ellen Brown spent the night here last week, on their way to Miami. Mrs. Lee went home since. Sir Col. is very feeble - says he has failed much and feels badly. He seemed to think he should not live long - said he was born in Mass. and perhaps he was going there to die. He is a dear good old man. I am very glad you went to see Martha.

We have received letters from Father & Mother since their arrival. Mother and Catherine do not seem very well contented, but perhaps they may be after a time. Mr. Beckwith did not expect to like. They advise Samuel not to go. Alfred is with them at Cottage Grove which as I understand, is not an incorporated town, but the name of the Post Office. Mother seems to enjoy herself very well now, only she wants to see the children once in a while. Charles was down last week - went to Rockland to the meeting of The Grand Lodge of I. of J. Uncle Nathan came in Style - very polite - morning and afternoon, and carried Mother to church yesterday. It was a great accommodation, as it is a long walk, and tires her very much - but Alice put a go at many jokes about Mr. Hanson's first wife! He seems to like to have us call Mother, and always did. Aunt Hanson has called once

Mrs. H. is very low spirited and miserable with dyspepsia. I did gain very fast for her or three weeks, but since the warm weather for a week past, I do not feel so strong.

They say that it devolves upon me to finish this epistle, but what shall be said, there is no thing of General interest here at present if perhaps we except the liquor law which is still making a deal of trouble for those who love the cratter, it has already saved hundreds of dollars in the Police expenses of this City what it has saved in Moral character and fireside comforts is not to be easily estimated, the Mill goes along about as usual, can at present tell nothing with certainty about Profit and Loss,

I think you must have believed some pretty tough yarns while you were at Springfield. Moses is famous for the manufactur of such, Do you think that Moses and Martha are prospering when they are? It is a little gust that E. P. Greenleaf has just discovered that he knew nothing of the lumber business here, very dull schol. ars found out the same thing "long time ago"

I suppose it would be useless for me to add any thing to what has been said about your taking the best of care of your health, therefore I will drop the subject hoping that you will use all diligence to preserve yourself in a good sound condition

Yours &c. &c. &c.

L. H. J.

Lucy & Mother Bangor Me
Aug. 11, 1851,
Dr Lucas Sept. 1. 1851

Bangor Aug. 11 – 1851.

Dear Brother Lucas

We dispatched a letter to
to Mr Hastings
you about a few days since, besides innumerable missives sort of random shots, wherever we could hear that you were going, all about the country.

If you should retrace your steps and come home, you would probably find some half dozen, eight or ten letters, lay inquiring at Offices in the principal places which you passed through on your way to Illinois. Illinois. I can hardly realize that you are so far away as that – and in that part of the state which I have always heard of and dreaded as so unhealthy. I hope you will find some other place to go very soon. We are in a state of constant alarm and anxiety about you. And by the papers we see that the Cholera is about now. Do write every week. We had letters from Ann and Elijah last week. Ann was returning from Lima ville where she had been spending a part of her vacation, to Westfield. Elijah was from Hornellsville N. Y. was going to Dunkirk the next day, and we suppose to Westfield, though he said nothing about it. His health had improved and he seemed to be enjoying himself finely. We have received letters from you quite often, and have answered

them all or nearly all, according to the directions
you gave. Ann writes that there is a great complaint
about people at the West not receiving letters from
their eastern friends while friends at the East receive
regularly all that are written. What is the reason? I have
written a vast deal & news at different times in my
letters, which will probably nearly all be lost if you
& Ann did not get the letters and I have forgotten
what it was now! We have written about the great
fire which burnt the whole corner between Exchange
and Harlow Streets, from East Market Square
to the Universalist Church. The city have purchased the burnt district for $19,000, intending to terrace and turf it, and adorn it with goodly trees
and shrubs, to beautify and render healthy the
city. Many think it a foolish plan. We went to
Mount Hope the other day. Samuel has engaged
a man to grade and turf our lot, and next spring
we hope to have some more trees set out there. It has
been said that willows would not grow well there,
but many have tried them recently, and find they
thrive well. The stones you selected in Boston
have come. I was getting along wonderfully - gaining
very fast from a fine recovery, but have relapsed
into the same old state pretty much. I do manage
to get about the house on my feet however, just what
is necessary. Samuel went this morning to see
Mr. Hicks - I expect him today to see [illegible]

home for the winter. Letters from Minnesota represent
their Brother Luther and Belle are not very well con-
tent, but we expect they will be more so by and by. Lissie
Poe does not like very well in Illinois. She is in Pro-
idence, Bureau Co. We don't hear any Milo news
at all now adays. We conclude that if any of them
were sick - Theo is very sick - they would manage
to write us a letter. We have had a very cold
season - very few warm days, and those not hot
as we sometimes have. I have read Prescott's Con-
quest of Mexico this summer, but my eyes have
troubled me so I have not read at all lately.

One of my neighbors brought in Tennyson's
"In Memoriam". Have you ever seen it? The rhymes
are faultless, and there are no Cameleet, but as far
as I can judge, there is a great deal more of nothing
than something in the book. Perhaps I couldn't find the
"key of correspondences" they tell about to unlock its
treasures. Mrs. Child's "Letters from N. Y." I have had
too, and was much disappointed - I always have heard
of them as something superexcellent, and supposed
they were solid and instructive. They seem to me a
constant effort to say something smart - Though there
certainly a great many pretty things, that I liked.
The "Amber Witch" I am desired to read. What is it?
The family of Presidents are great readers, but Univer-
salists and Swedenborgians. They are very kind
and anxious to help me in nice and interesting

from it I recd, but our tastes are not alike. I believe people in General think Tennyson perfectly exquisite. I have never read much of his except this book. I should call him a Western Virginian. What a letter I have written all out of nothing. Must get Mother to finish it, though she tries to put all the writing upon me. Good bye. Dis'tn Lucy.

If an elaborate superscription will insure a safe arrival for this letter, you will certainly get it.

You will gladly excuse my not writing much while you can get letters from Lucy frequently & she can say all I could have to say and say it so much better — We cannot but feel very anxious about you while you are there in that naughty place we fear etc., I say that we shall hear that you are sick or worse that you will be sick and we not be informed of it do write every week but O if you should not get this neither what can be the reason that you have not had letters from us we must hope that you have before now to come away from that region. Soon as you can conveniently. It seems they are going on with the European & North American R.R. to lay your plans to get a chance on that when they get ready

may God bless you my dear dear and keep you from all evil.

Bangor Aug. 25 - 1851.

Dear Brother Isaac

We received a letter from you night before last. It rejoiced us much to find that you had at last received letters from us. It seems to me there must have been some unusual delay about them. You say we need feel no anxiety about your health, because you are always so careful. I think you try and intend to take proper care of yourself, but still we can hardly help feeling anxious about you, in that unhealthy region, so far from friends and home. I suppose the warm weather and sickly season are nearly over now. I suppose you are doing pretty well there in the way of property, but I hope you will be able to find a good situation nearer home before long.

It is very sickly in Bangor now. Dysentery and bowel complaints are very prevalent. I was quite unwell for a week with Diarrhea. am better now, though I have hardly recovered my strength yet. Samuel has been growing very poor, and running down hill for a good many weeks, and a little more than a week since, he was obliged to give up to a kind of slow bilious fever. The doctor has been in most every day for a week. His fever has not been violent at all, and has mostly left him now,

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but he feels pretty weak. He had a violent attack of bilious cholic one night, which made him sweat so profusely as to help throw off the fever. His appetite is returning, and we hope he will be about in a few days. He never was sick a day before since he can remember. It is very bad for him to be away from the mill just now, but he takes it very patiently. The neighbors are very kind all of them, and uncle Batty is particularly attentive. calls once or twice a day and offers his services abundantly. He seems to have taken quite a notion to Samuel. People remark it. say that Mr. Tibbets and his wife were sick all winter and he never called once! I have written you all about it, but perhaps you never got the letter. so I will tell you again that five or six weeks ago I begun to get well very fast all at once. Dr. Mc. Dunn left me some new medicine about that time. don't know whether that gave me a start or not. I gained wonderfully for about a fortnight. sent my chair up stairs, went upon all about the house. got up stairs alone two or three times, and went out round the side of the house twice. Well, I was greatly rejoiced and very careful too, but alack and alas! nobody knows how nor why. I got unwell again. I have been able ever since however, with the exception of a few days in this last ill turn, to get about the house what is necessary without the chair. A few days before Samuel was taken sick, I took a notion to send for Dr. Rich, and see what he could do for me.

his opinion coincides precisely with Dr. Mc. Burns. They think the nerves leading from the spine to the lower limbs are affected, and Dr. Rich thinks if not cured, it may lead to Paralysis. he thinks there may be a constitutional tendency in me Metcalfs to Paralytic affections, but in that I presume he is mistaken. He recollected every particular of Joseph's case. seemed to feel very much for him, and to remember him with respect as a man. He said his case, and that of his son, were providences which it seemed very hard to understand. His son, you know, imbibed animal poison nearly two years since, and has been a great sufferer ever since. Probably will not live long. I have know doubt their opinions are correct as to the nature of my complaint, but I cannot feel that there is danger of such a result. I am now bathing in Oil of Conjeput and taking Gum Guaicum (don't know as I spelt it right) I keep thinking every day, and every week that I shall be better, but if I get better it don't seem to last long. We have employed Dr. Rich since Samuel was sick. as he was attending upon me it would not do very well to send for another. We do not like him any better than Dr. Mc. Burns, though he seems to be a real good old man. very kind in his feelings, and always ready to tell a good story! We had a letter from Eliab about a week since. he was going the next day to Cleveland. I hope he will get through with his journey, trip & residence, so on and come home. a letter from Anna also on her return from Zanesville, where she has been spending part of her

vacation. I presume Father has written fifteen letters to you since he has been gone, always directing to "Decatur Ills", as he knew I was then direction when he went away. Ellen Brown and her husband spent the night here on their return from Mass. last week. Clara Green Clapp's husband, at Springfield, died recently of the Cholera. It has prevailed there considerably this summer. It is very dry here now. No rain for long time but cold weather & some slight frosts. Asa Walker advertises his place for sale.

Letters from Fannie. wonder why you don't go there and see the country, now you are so near. Alfred has bought a piece of land. Mother and Mehitable are not very well contented now. We hope they will be more so after they get more settled. They do not advise us to go out there.

Eliza Ann Low, Mary Frost and Lucy Searles are propounded for admission to the Cong. Church in Milo. Mr. Jones (the former Baptist minister) has, since they were propounded, been laboring with Mrs. Low & Mary Frost to make them Baptists. Angelia Frost has joined the Baptist Church, and when he was leading her into the water, he turned to Mary & asked her if she was ready to be baptized. Said he would give five dollars a piece for passages to prove that sprinkling was right &c. &c. It seemed a very inappropriate time for such talk. Must have detracted from the solemnity of the occasion very much. I have been so naughty as to take up all the room. Mother can put in her a sheet. good bye. Your sister Lucy.

Mother. She has as Charles said about Abner's letter. not left much room for me much to put in it. She has written to Fannie & I presume pretty much all I think of that would be interesting to you Lucy can tell you a sheet of paper is quite short & just as you may wish. I have begun a letter to but it is pretty much the same as one with from Charles. Abner & Abner is expect almost all. may be more than this present to any under of June we'll but from to Hart one month and a the family. Charles begin, he Love Hay is put a one love

Boston Sept. 9th 1851.

Dear B. & Other Sons

One week ago tomorrow morning at six o'clock, Samuel and myself stepped on board the good Steamer Governor and journeyed as far as Searsport, where, after waiting some two hours, we took passage in the Lawrence for Deer Isle, arriving there at the Landing at ½ past one o'clock. From there we were transported in by no means an easy coach and by very far from smart horses, four miles, to "the town" or N. W. Harbor as it is called, where we went to a nice quiet boarding house to which we had been previously directed. Our Landlady was a very small woman and likewise very smart. Her husband has been dead seven years. She has one little boy eleven years old, one solitary Canary and one black cat with four white feet & a white nose, which individuals constitute her whole household, except when some invalid or pleasure seeker makes her house a temporary home. ~~There are~~ There are Deer Isle and Little Deer Isle and Isle of Haut, all considered to be the town of Deer Isle, and containing some 4 000 inhabitants. N. W. Harbor, where we are, is the principal place of Deer Isle, besides which there is S. W. Harbor, N. E. Harbor, The Landing, The Reach, Point Cove, &c. &c. You have probably heard before now, that owing to too much care & fatigue, Samuel got quite down, and was considerable

sick for a few days with a slow bilious fever. As soon he got about, he was counselled to go down to the Islands to recruit, and by all means to take his wife, as it would greatly benefit her health. Therefore off we started, as before mentioned. Well, we were both of course quite fatigued on our arrival, and next day felt better, but on the second morning Samuel thought a salt water bath would be good for him, & accordingly went into the river before sunrise. It being rather a cool morning, before he got dressed and back to the house, he was pretty chilled through. This brought on quite attack of his fever again & for a day or two I felt quite anxious about how we should both get home. But we called in the Dr. and after taking an emetic &c. he got better & by the first boat (yesterday) we started for home, & glad enough we were to get here last night. Samuel is pretty weak. sweats a good deal nights, but seems to be gaining now, and with care we hope will soon be well. We were helped along quite on our way home by stewards, passengers &c. Our Landlady was very kind & attentive. The Dr. for five calls and performing the office of barber once, charged the moderate sum of $100! He only had a few steps to walk however. I think it probable that if I could bathe in salt water & breathe the good sea air for some time it might be beneficial, but feeling fatigued & anxious all the time, I don't see as I am any better. I am using Oil of Cajeput externally, which I think does strengthen my back some, but it is a poor good for nothing back now.

I don't feel as if I can realize how far away from me you are, so well as Anne & Eliab can. It seems too hard that Eliab should go all that long way to meet you and home without seeing you. The Thursday last past are considered the warmest of the season - very oppressive. It is quite sickly here, especially among children. I have been fixing up a communication for the Mothers Magazine - if acceptable, I shall have the Mag. a year. I will advise you anon. I am reading Prescott's Ferdinand & Isabella. Our trip to Deer Isle cost fifteen dollars, which amount in health or pleasure we think we did not receive. I am tired & will finish letter tomorrow.

Sept. 10 It is tomorrow & I will finish my letter, which I feel rather foolish and don't think of much to say. We are, or rather have been, all engaged making a Lounge today - Samuel says tell him I am weak. He is better today than yesterday, however, I cannot tell you much about Eliab - he is at Bowdoin, and we think they mean to keep him there if possible. Mary Monroe has been quite romantic lately in her ideas and actions - She has given up Henry Stanchfield, to whom she was engaged, and absconded by night, nobody knows, or has yet been able to find out where, with Stephen Douglass. Some bodies saw them in Waterville just getting into the Cars. Poor girl! I pity her, & her father feels very bad about it. We shall endeavor to answer your letters immediately after receiving them.

Am. [illegible] Lieut. Long. on Yours
Remit. Amount Paid [illegible] Cannot make
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Cannot [illegible]

Yours Respy Mason

Augusta, Oct. 9, 1857

Lt. G. L. Brotherhead, U.S.A.
Bvt. Lieutenant,
Perry Co.
Ohio.

OR

Lucy Oct. 4 51 Bangor. Me.

Jonesboro. Nov. 5 1851

Bang. Oct. 14 - 1851.

Dear Sister Jane

Yes. Tues. Sept 23 was more 6 days before yesterday - Saturday. Mother and Elijah are at Brid, so it devolves on me to answer Sister Lillys letter I suppose. They went to Brid Monday last, Mother to stay a spell. more or less. and Elijah we expected back Saturday - perhaps he will be here today. It does seem so lonely since Mother went away. My eyes trouble me so I cannot read a great deal, neither can I work all the time, nor walk about much. so I really need somebody to talk to. Samuel is well and smart and about his business early and late. I did not want him to be sick, but it seemed real good to have him about the house a few days!

I felt very anxious about you after I heard you had had an attack of Ague - am very glad to hear that you have got over it, but I fear you have not done with it yet. I dont feel competent to advise, but it does seem to me that you had better not stay there and get it fastened upon you so that you may not get rid of it for years. I suppose there is nothing else seems about it, but I have an idea that it is extremely and horribly disagreeable - affecting the spirits badly. as it is so. I plod along pretty much after the same old fashion - I am certainly better than

as I was last Spring, and yet from one week or even month to another, I cannot perceive that I gain at all. I get about the house on my feet, though I cannot step up nor down without help. Yesterday with Hannah's help, I got out the front door, round the house and in at the back door - had the back ache all the afternoon to pay for it, but don't know that it injured me any, for I feel about as usual this morning. My appetite is good and I feel quite well most of the time.

Elijah has left Brown's for good - really, positively and certainly - no mistake. He has engaged no where else yet. I believe he considers it doubtful whether he can find a situation to suit him this winter. He will write you all about it. A slip of paper containing news of the European and N. A. R. R. which I promised you in my last letter, got mislaid and I forgot to put it in. Brother took it home intending to write immediately. So I presume you have got it before now. Perhaps it was nothing you would care about & very likely you hear all about it by the papers. It was only that the St. Johns folks were determined to go ahead with it, and how much money they had raised. Last week's Independent says "Ground is broken for the great tunnel of 4 miles through Hoosick mountain, for the Troy and Greenfield railroad". Sept. 25 - Mr. Benjamin Galen Snow, a college acquaintance of yours I believe, was ordained at Brewer - he is an accepted missionary of the American Board, and is destined, I believe, for the Armenian

Brission. Samuel has concluded a bargain with Uncle Nath for a piece of land next above where we live 127 feet by 100 for $415. It is good land, and a very fine situation. He has not quite decided whether to build next year or not. According to the sale of other lots on the street by Mr. Easton and others, he has got quite a good bargain. Uncle Nath seems to have taken a great fancy to Samuel. I believe I wrote you in my last letter of the death of his wife.

I wrote you an elaborate account of our visit to Deer Isle which you have probably rec'd before now. We had no Snowdens. Samuel was not well enough to eat them and I was frightened out of my appetite.

There is a report that Henry Pomroy is married. I know not. The theater lot is being graded, terraced and otherwise beautified by the city. Asa Walker and family have emigrated to Oregon, not California. Many are going to Cal. from these parts this fall. Col. Mitchel & son, Hector, Joseph & Ben Sargent, B. A. Emerson &c. &c. Abby Loring expects her dad home soon to take her back there. She is anxious to go. Spiritous liquors of divers sorts lay the dust wonderfully in Bangor now a days. Three boys were taken up for stealing Sat. a son of Dr. Loughton, son of Jeremiah Curtis, and a young Col. amore - all quite young. 13 or 14.

14 Think you I saw last evening in the driving rain, Emerson Jones with one & three horse teams for beef next year. He says Pierson has just written

to you, so I suppose I need not tell you this news, and as for Bangor news there seems to be none to tell. Mr. Enoch Tebbets so cordially welcomed us yesterday - rides on horseback! He is a very quick, clever fellow, in the fullest American sense of the term. Mrs. Sanford and wife called here a day or two before dinner - went home. They are good. He had a nice chowder yesterday.

Another point is that perhaps Sue and June can get along with the work during the coming winter. If Mother can do what is necessary without getting too much fatigued, and keeping up her low spirits which I so much dread, it will be very pleasant for all of us. I do want her here with me, and she insists that it certainly is not worth while for her to come to be here in addition to Annie & hired girl. I don't know what we shall decide upon. I am sorry Charlie has got into that political row with, but it certainly is proving him to have a cool head & firm act as that Christopher did. We are having some nice Mrs Chickens cooked for dinner. won't you please come & dine with us. The Roman Catholics have purchased a beautiful lot on the corner of Broadway and Cumberland St. intending to erect a splendid Cathedral. Dr. Coleman has built an elegant residence up on Grove St. it looks quite across the Park. The Universalists which are building a meeting house here, if they can obtain a sanction for. I believe this point is about finished - old news very probably, I can't recollect what we have written. Mother had a pleasant time - not very good - it's [illegible]

Lucy Nother, Bangor Me.
Dec. 24. 1851

Jonesboro, Jan. 17, 1852

Dear brother Isaac

Bangor Dec. 24 1851.
Jones, [illegible]

We rec'd your last letter about a week since. I have been intending to answer it every day since, but have been very much engaged in making a dress for Mother. She has had another letter from Gen. Hodsdon, wherein he threatens to call the first time he visits Bangor, so I thought Mother must have a new dress to appear in on that "portant occasion!"

Your last letter to me was short - a half sheet - and as I am in great haste, have not much to write and considerable newspaper intelligence to send, you must content yourself with a short letter ~~yesterday~~ this time.

Charles & Albina came last week for Charlie. They staid only one night - went home through Exeter & spent a night at Mr. Cutler's. Almeda & all the children kept house & took care of Josie while they were gone. The children attend school - Lyman Keen teaches. Samuel started for the woods Monday, this week. He purchased a small, fleet horse the saturday previous for $88. He goes on the Sprigg town, Millinocket, Nolacmuk, and I can't tell you where else - nearly the same as last winter I think. He concluded it would be cheaper and easier to buy a horse, as he has sleigh & harness, than to pay stage fare, eight or ten dollars a trip. He has bought out his partners in the mill - Palmer & Johnson - thinks he has made over a

thousand dollars this summer. Which will help finely about building next summer. He has worked very hard for it through. The house frame is all on the ground & much of the other lumber. The lot is almost paid for, considerable part of the hard ware, the brick, and part of the joiner work. Samuel sent Almeda a barrel of flour, some lard and herring last week. She is poor, but she has things provided comfortable this winter. Hector Sargent gave her considerable wood. I suppose you hear from Elias as often as we do. What do you think of his studying Euclid? I am sometimes fearful that his love and aptness for mathematics may lead him to attend to that branch, to the neglect of others. Brother will finish this I guess. I am getting fast. I really do a good deal of work. We rode out a few days before Sam'l went away, had a lively, coltish horse, which got frightened, tipped us over, threw me head over heels a rod or two, dragged Samuel farther, and hurt neither of us, only tore the crown off my bonnet! Elias writes that his health is better. In haste good bye. Lis Lucy.

What a fuss Lucia makes about Gen. Haddon, when there is nothing in it all worth repeating, much less worth writing. The law suit you enquire about is nothing only the boy was dull & lazy, not trustworthy, moreover went away without telling C. Brown but what he owes coming back again, he had paid him about what he thought he had earned, his father came after more pay was saucy, mad & unreasonable & would'nt pay any more so that sued him & it so turned out that neither there have a very lawsuit about such a trifle he did pay 7 or 8 dollars wholly in consequence of Lawyer Robinson's duplicity & downright dishonesty he is a very mean rascal — When do you expect to come home — What do you mean by — that you are in want of a wife? have you not already got one engag'd I am sure Lucy" Maid, now with you to help & get along pretty well but you must not expect quite as much letters from me as when I am at home but Lucy is a good substitute you know you'll be a gainer by it

Lucy Dec. 3. Bangor Maine

Jonesboro Dec. 27. 1851

Bangor Dec. 3- 1851.

Dear Brother Isaac

Your last letter was received a few days since. I have just been writing to Elijah, and before I put away my pen, will say a few words to you.

Your account of the preparation of food in Illinois was very interesting, certainly,- but it makes me feel bad to think that you are living in such a place. Why how can you stay there? Why don't you tell them how to cook? Won't they fix your part differently if you ask them to? I presume you have heard from Elijah, perhaps since I have - he has written home. but once since he went away. Mother arrived here Nov. 20. accompanied by James, Jane, Charlie and old Nelly - quite a slight fall to say nothing of trunks, boxes and budgets. James went home the next day. Charlie is to stay till his Father and Mother come after him, which we expect will be in a few days. He is a darling little fellow - active noisy and goodnatured. He has got a nice pair of boots Uncle Samuel has made him a sled, and he is as big as any body - certainly a very manly boy for a "three year old". It is quite a change in the monotony of my life to have him frolicking about here. Mother seems to be progressing slowly in point of health - In accordance with Dr. Mc. Rees directions, I have had a sore blister on my back - he wishes two or three more - don't know as

Uncle Natty sent Samuel in to borrow $10 dollars to-night - He has come in the Stage before.

I shall humor him any more- though I rather think this has benefited me. Shall not, at any rate, till this one is well. The first load of our house frame has come today. Have you heard of the death of Dr. George B. Rich? A good obituary notice in this week's paper. It is a very great affliction to his father.

The Unitarian meeting house was burnt last Sab. both morning about daybreak. I believe there had been a fire built in it the night before. I don't know whether for a rehearsal, or to warm the house over night. The Society is well able, I suppose, and will probably rebuild soon.

The Third Parish have raised $4800. towards a Church among themselves - expect to get $5000 - and call upon their friends and neighbors for the rest. Joseph Wheelwright will give a thousand and leave Hammond St. and join our Church. Uncle Natty told Mr. Tebbets that the reason why he sold land to Samuel so cheap was that he had been acquainted with his family and with his wife's family for a long time - that they were very fine people - he wonders how he got such a fine family into his house &c!

Mother read a long letter (four closely written pages on a large sheet of paper) from Gen. Isaac Hodgdon of Exeter, last week - so prolix and polite, you can hardly imagine. Mr. David Barker of Exeter is about collecting facts &c. preparatory to his writing a history of Exeter from its settlement to the present time, and wants to know all about Dea. Circle first & how that Mother came to have long time ago. He says "with great avidity I avail my

self of this excuse to renew an acquaintance with which I was honored more than forty seven years ago." I must transcribe one sentence entire. "From Mr. Barker I learn with great pleasure, that you are blessed with children who are buds and blossoms of great promise of consolation to yourself, and of future usefulness and ornaments to Society; and I pray you to accept my sincere congratulations upon the auspicious prospect - and my ardent desire that your fondest wishes may be more than realized in the final result." Her "buds of promise" are well underscored, are they not? It is quite an undertaking to answer it I assure you. My fingers are so cold I can hardly write, which accounts in part for the badness. Gen. Hodsdon is not a widower!

It is real winter weather here. The river is beginning to freeze up. Samuel thinks he shall not run the mill longer than this week. What did you have for Thanksgiving and how was it cooked? Have you heard of the dreadful accident in New York? An alarm of fire in a building containing 1851 scholars - In a panic, they all - guess I will cut the account from a paper & leave writing it. Elijah was not very explicit in his statements in his last letter. Said he rather expected to spend the winter in East Hampton - did not say whether attending school or not. Mary Dower commenced school in Bangor yesterday. Letter from Lissie last week - one of her brothers is violently deranged. I think Mother will have some thing better worth writing to fill on the other page. Affy. Yours,

Mother has ceased to suck to fly high to answering Gen. Hardeman's letter This afternoon. That she says she "can't come down" enough to write anything else today. She also says She don't mean to write much while she is here, but I think She will revoke that decision. I will seal up the letter & send it tomorrow morning. Good night dear brother.

Goldsboro Dec. 27

GOLDSBORO N.C. DEC 3 PAID

J. J. L. Montaigne, Esq.
Mount Hardeen.
Perry County.
Ill. mo.

dear sir I have also put on a few
of these for your convenience
Yours respectfully

Mother, Lucy Bangor
Dec. 17. 23

Jonesboro, Dec. 20. 1851

Bangor Nov. 17. 1851.

Dear Brother Isaac

Your letters to Samuel and Elias dated at Jonesboro' and "somewhere" reached us two or three days since. Elias had previously left Bangor for "parts unknown"; and Samuel is so "very busy", as usual, that I suppose it devolves on me to answer them both - and as you will be saying something if you don't get a letter about so often, I may as well write at once.

You have probably heard from Elias before this reaches you. He went away because he had no business here, and was tired of loafing - said he should go first to Montague and talk with Cousins Joseph and Humphrey, and from there to Albany. Perhaps he wrote you about three brothers by the name of Butts - who were connected in business, having three different establishments, in Albany, Buffalo and Cleveland - with whom he had some talk while on his journey west in the summer. He thought by going to Albany, he could ascertain if they wanted him in either place - if they did not, he seemed to think he should attend school somewhere in Mass. this winter, unless something else should "turn up". I have been advising him to "throw down the gauntlet to society"! But seriously, I think the best course he can take is to attend school two or three months, in this season of leisure, and before he gets any older. He is shrewd and observing and learns quick and

much from men and things. but you know his school education - book learning - is somewhat deficient. He went into business before it was far advanced, and has had no opportunities since. He does not need intercourse with "society" in the general acceptation of the word, but he does need intercourse with intellectual people. He ought not to study, I suppose, in his present state of health, but he ought to be somewhere where his mind can work in an entirely different direction for a while, from what it has done these six years past. This, at least is my judgement of the matter. He went away a week ago yesterday. I expect a letter from him every day.

To return to your last letter. As I have said before, I do not feel competent to advise with regard to your remaining there, as I cannot judge of the advantages and disadvantages; but it does make me feel bad to think of your losing your spirits and health, I am afraid, to say nothing of your good looks. Why Antoinette won't have anything to say to you when you get back, I am afraid. I think from your description of your part of the world "the poet" is not far out of the way when he says

"Great western waste of bottom land,
Flat as a pancake, rich as grease,
Where gnats are full as big as toads,
And 'skeeters are as big as geese. &c. &c"

all about "fever-n'-ager" and so on. I am glad you have seen a Cypress swamp. Should like to see one myself; but should not like the getting stuck fast therein quite so well. And then such miserable, lazy, frightful folks. Why

won't they any day get mad with you and half kill you? Well you must console yourself while you stay, by trying to do them all the good you can. I wish you could be here next week to Thanksgiving. Frances is going home, and Mother is coming this week. She and Jane are going to try to get along with the work a while if I will be eyes ears and memory for her. I did so much want to go to Mile to Thanksgiving or sometime this winter, but shall have to give it up, I suppose. Charles and Albinee are coming to make us a visit the first of skiyshing. I suppose Samuel will go sealing again this winter. I wish he could get some other business. He has been surveying for a few days past. One surveyor has moved to Boston, and another licensed as the liquor seller of Bangor, so there is quite a scarcity of help, just as every body is in a hurry to get their lumber surveyed and vessels off before the river freezes. I tell Samuel he ought not to survey now a few days in the most uncomfortable part of the season just to accommodate, unless they will give him an appointment to survey next season. He is hoping now that they will. He is sawing out lumber. has engaged a house frame, and a joiner to put up our house next summer. Is it that nice? Mr. Tebbets is to do all the joiner work for $400.

Lorenzo has been to our meeting & S.S. all summer. She has been very much interested, and seems to be serious. Regrets to leave the Sabbath school. She is very ignorant, particularly in regard to religious truth. She says she thinks Universalist parents do very wrong to neglect

their children as they do. She never attended meeting or S.S. regularly before - says she never knew how to live - did not know the Bible was such an interesting book &c. &c. We gave her a pretty little bible when she first came here. I believe her Mother is fearful she will become a "Unitarian". She says "there are no good people in their neighborhood - they are all Universalists and all alike". She never lived where there were pious people before. I pity her. She feels the need of instruction very much. I hope the good impressions she has received this summer may not soon wear off.

Mother & Lucy Bangor
Nov. 17. 23 1853
Dec 20, 1853
Jones

21st I have written to Bangor as you will perceive & as Lucy has not quite filled out her letter I'll just say a word — I received a letter from you / Jones has / Nov. 1 / your pay is good enough $5,00 per day. if you could be in any decent place — I am rather glad then, otherwise that you did not get the situation you mention (Although I suppose the $3000 would be quite acceptable to you) for if you had such a lucrative situation I fear we should not see you this way so soon as May

How we do want to see you — I am afraid your health will be so much injured that you never will fully regain it again — I suppose it is decided before this time whether we shall see you in a few days or not — but if it is not it seems as if we may have you here at least once

I came here day before yesterday with James, Jane, & Charlie who is going to stay with aunt Lucy till his Father & Mother come to make them a visit in a week or two James went back yesterday — his sister thought the folks at Milo are well — Getting every thing ready for winter

God be with you & bless you my dear son Jane is the prayer of your affectionate Mother

Hampden Dec 7th 1857

Dear Sir

John has just come home from his school. He finds it too large and difficult for him to subdue 80 scholars large ~~and~~ backward and mischievous. Alfred has been here to night and thinks John would make you a good transit man. on a good hand for most anything which you would want if you have to get up a party John would like to go with you if you go on to the Road this winter if you would like to have him, Please to let me know as soon as you can ascertain any thing definite. We have run off our belts and shut down. Alfred will start Tuesday if you write for him

In haste

L. W. J.

S. W. Furber Bangor Maine
Dec. 7. 1850

Waterville Me. Dec 19. 1850

Mill Jany 31st /46.

Dear Brother Isaac,

We received your last letter last ev.
our great big postmaster, James K. Macumber, insisted
that there was money in it till Brooks opened it on a
second view of the envelope. Isn't he a bright Nimrod?
That could be suppose you, a poor Student, would be send-
ing home money &c?

Sorry you had a 'scrape' in school, as however
undeserving of blame you may be, some will, of course,
blame you. Glad you possessed strength, wit and luck
enough to eject him from his seat so handsomely,

Mr. Isaac Mc Nelson
Millersburg
Ohio via Bangor
Jan. 31st
1846
Feb. 1

Oct 20th 1846
Board Bill
$1.75

but, methinks, were I a stout 20 year old butcher, I should
feel plenty mean enough to quarrel with the Master and get
'worsted', without having my daddy come to shove and take
my part, complaining of 'wrenched shoulders' &c. ha! ha! ha!
By the way I fear you wrenched your own shoulders some
didn't you? Charles laughed well about it. Much pleased
that you managed so discreetly. I saw an account of the
Teachers convention at Augusta but had not opportunity to read it
all. Ms. Co. Con. at Brunswick. I went both days. Mother
Charles & Almeida the second day only. First day cold rainy
bad sleighing. Few people There. No ministers or delegates the
afternoon. Then Messrs. Parker, Carpenter, Tisley, Drake, White &c. with
their delegates; Deacons Flora, Pratt, &c. &c. made their appearance.
Strictly a Conference Meeting that P. M. All ~~you~~ who pleased spoke, principally on The great need of a Revival in the Churches.

A very good meeting. All seemed to feel that something must be done, that individual Christians must do the work, examine themselves & see that all is right at home. Mr. Ilsley preached in the evening. Very good. Weds. A. M. Reports of Societies, though some were reported I believe but Foxcroft & Exeter. Nothing particular to communicate from any one. No delegate chosen for Wilo, though Bro. Sargent was there. Mr. Carpenter spoke very well on Tract Soc. Enlarged on the evil tendency of reading bad books, papers &c. light literature, or 'heavy reading' as Mr. How termed it, and how much cheaper as well as better the S. Soc. books are &c. Warned parents against furnishing their children to read bad books &c. Mr. Parker spoke at length on the doings of the Am. B. C. F. M. Especially their last report, sanctioning the admission of slaveholders to the Ch. by the Miss. among the Cher. & Choc. Indians. He presented some Resolutions relative to seceding from the A. B. C. F. M. as a Corporation, if the Board continued to uphold such doings. The Res. did not take well with some of the ministers. They talked, got earnest, quite warm, and finally excited, - too much so for their own good or that of the people. They at length concluded to appoint a discretionary Committee to consider the expediency of calling a convention of the Conference to discuss the Resolutions. I hope said Convention will be convened, and let all who will attend, do so as to have a full understanding & get the minds of the members of the several Societies on the subject of Slavery. Mr. Parker did 'cut' the Board and criticise their report fully severely. He said there had been a great deal of care, time & labor spent in preparing the Report that they had sent 'them' to Cincinnati for the learned D. D.'s

Beecher & Stow, & they together with Dr. Green of Boston, wrote the report, appointed aiming to say nothing to offend Abolitionists, and get sanctioning the doings of the Missionaries. I wish you could have heard him in his peculiar way, "I am with faint praise, assent with civil leer." He & Mr. Pixley talked that the Report was one which common people could not understand, whereas men of their talents & learning ought to know enough to write so that as to be intelligible to all. &c. &c.

They urged some of the good people as Dea. Thomas, Wm. Willard &c. with their abolition talk. In the P. M. Mr. Drake from Garland, preached an excellent sermon. Evening, Mr. Parker. Excellent, of course.

Charles went to Bangor last week, carried his hay, got, 07 for ½, and 6½ for ½. Hay a year old weighed 360 lbs. Very good they said. Had to pay pounds right away for provisions & hay &c. and so borrowed money. This week Wednesday & Thurs. he went to Lincoln with 36 bu. of oats, tandem team, Nelly & Dock, worked admirably; got, 50 per bu. At Bangor only, 40 cts. Paid it on his way home to Rollins the Publican. Is going with another load soon. Hope he'll be able to furnish you some money out of oats or hay. Rollins was at Richmond & neighboring towns recently. Didn't know you was there. Was sorry. Would have called. Said 'twas very sickly about there. Small pox at Canaan. There has been one case & some say more in Bangor. People get excited & accounts are exaggerated. Seems to me, however, there is some reason for alarm. People at least ought to be vaccinated. Some Drs. say one in 7 years. If so, we ought all to attend to it. Report says a Physician in Canaan has been indicted for spreading improperly the disease. Am glad you'll write to Boston. Hicks [illegible] like himself and you know are always welcome. His school is only a fortnight longer. Harvey, teaching in Brownville, enters the Medical school at Brunswick in [illegible]. Bowdoin calls him one of the finest fellows in the world. If so, he's a acquaintance. John Barker died a few days ago. Was unwell, quite, went with his brother to Ellsworth, grew worse, started for home and died on the way. Uncommonly robust & healthy always you know.

Chard, Feby 9th 1857

Yesterday I returned from Bromsden with Mrs. Chard & Louisa (Gillingham!) &c. &c. &c.

+ Profession of Religion attending Camp meeting yesterday, where a
old gray-headed man, President & Class Minister, Capt. Adam
Lingo (I mean by the by was on the ground of a saddle,
Did you ever, ever, ever see a man act a whole &c. &c. of
Methodist Such a family at Elm Grove Lately is sea. Sure you
must not only surprised & incensed, but astonished & humbled,
at the design of a company of rational creatures (forty) from
20 to 50 years old, perhaps; some of them members of the church.
& not feel right to go & such practices? This is the ought
of the. Send your opinion of such things!

Mr. Edward H. Mellon
Milton
Cabell

Miss Lizzie H. Mellon
Milton via Bangor
Jan. 31st 1846
Feb. 1st

Feb. 20th 1846
Board bill

Lucy Mother (Bangor Me.
Jan. 8. 1

Jonesboro. Feb. 6. 1852

Bangor Jan. 8 1852.

Dear Brother Isaac

How anxiously we have been expecting a letter from you for many days, but it does not come. Why is it? We have thought of every possible reason, and worried ourselves with many "what ifs". It was Thanksgiving day when your last letter was dated, Nov. 27. Christmas and New Years have come and gone since then, and in our hearts we wished you all joy & happiness, though we did not write it. I have written once since receiving your last. Mother says you are sick, it is sick to write, but I tell her if you were sick you would certainly have some one else write. I can think of no reason except that the mails may be more irregular in winter, on account of bad travelling. I shall send this today, hoping however to get a letter from you tonight. Samuel has been at home one, is now gone again. His new Pony is a nice.

We had a nice New Years letter from Annie last night. She seems to enjoy herself nicely with her cousins Woodbury, but I think she longs to be here again. The confinement of school keeping. I should think she would. I wish she would conclude herself to come and live with us in our hearts and homes. I think she might enjoy herself very well with me and at Cedar Grove, and make the time pass very pleasantly

it would be such a comfort to Mother, too, to have her nearer to her. Mother does think a great deal about having you all where she can see you often. I suppose all Mothers must feel so.

I wrote you about Gen. Hodgdon - extracts from his letter &c. He himself appeared in person a few days since. He marched in with quite a military air, looked at Mother for some seconds without speaking, and then deliberately kissed her - I say deliberately, and sure enough it was, from the commencement to the close. I, being an eye witness to the whole operation, can truly declare that it was "long drawn sweetness long drawn out". Poor Mother! how prettily she blushed & turned her eyes downward, while he held both her hands in his! How she will box my ears for this but how can I help it? He is really a very fine old gentleman - possessed of excellent feelings, I should judge - would be very interesting in conversation if he could manage to dispense with the first person singular a little more. He reminds me of Father Imbrie in story telling very much. Has been about the world a good deal - besides serving in the Aroostook war!

Prof. Shepard is delivering a course of lectures Sabbath evenings upon various subjects suggested by various ministers for the benefit of the community. He is a noble man. Mr. Seibert is at work in earnest getting out the finish for our house. It is after twelve and I must finish this to send down by Mr.

My Dear Son, I have nothing in particular to write to you only I want to see you very much indeed when are you coming home? how long it does seem since we have heard from you considering what a good Son you always are about writing Oh! if you should be sick away off there — it seems such a dismal place and the Rattlers there. So uncouth that we feel as if it was further much further off than it is — Never mind it will be when you get home. I can see you as plain as day and I dont love to have you that are so far away & so far from each other. I am in the enjoyment of good health for a person of my age & of very many blessings one of the greatest of which is such good kind Children I must make much of my Children for, as I tell Lucy, I am not likely to be overstocked with Grandchildren

The woolen factory in Milo Village burnt down a few weeks ago a considerable part of the loss fathers Town White of Bangor — Sam'l has done very well indeed this last summer with the money his fears I suppose he has made about 1400$ besides his wages 55 dollars a month. & comes home this fall about 3 months next Spring before his years it up — he is a pretty good fellow besides getting rich — He gave Almeda a barrell of Flour lately besides some other things

Charles feels rather blue Milo has so many bridges to build & Taxes are so high & will be his Money tax is 36 dollars, I pity him he is rather a solitary being — I cant know what he would do here if not for Charlie he is one of the best little boys & little Josie is coming on too, he could run about the house before I came away Charlie was here 4 or 5 weeks & he hardly cry'd or did a naughty thing the whole time & I hope we shall have a letter from you soon by

Feb. 6. 1852

J. C. Metcalf, Civil Engr.

Louisville.

Kentucky.

Mrs. Lucy Barger
Jan 28

Jonesboro, Feb. 21. 1852

Dear Brother Lucas

After waiting and hoping in vain as it were, we received your first letter dated Jan. 28 a few days since. We read it & were glad to learn that all were well & that you had settled on your claim. And we now are thinking that it is high time for us to hear from you again. If we have known it was to be the last letter - your last and the previous one. We think these must have been lost.

It is a bright, beautiful day, though rather cold. Still so. People say we have had a very severe winter. Continued cold weather and a great number of severe storms. I am very glad to tell about it for experience, as I have had it, is a good deal of the time. Samuel came home a week ago, after a fortnight's absence - went away again last Thursday to be gone three weeks. His route is nearly the same as last winter, I believe. I am hoping to go to Shilo while he is out next time if he can spare time. My health is improving fast I think. I have been steadily growing better, & have missed only two full days, for several weeks. Last Sabbath I. M. Grant is preaching at Hammond St. for the first time - I go pretty often, but just as well next morning, as you will see when I tell you. Have washed the dishes, trimmed the lamps, made my bed, swept and dusted the bed-room, building wood, filled the stove, and washed, in the water, seven or eight times this winter. Today I have done about half the ironing, and

am feeling mighty after it. You inquire about Samuel's healing. I don't know how many teams, but he thinks he should probably make about $150.00 - not so much as last winter. He has gone and comes home once in - two or three weeks.

Mr. Abbott and two other joiners are at work in our house getting out the finish - It will probably be completed from joists to cellar by the last of the summer if not before. We shall be in no haste to move in, as the joiner and plastering should be well seasoned. Temperance matters prosper finely in Bangor - a new course has been adopted recently with the rumsellers - that of indicting them before the grand jury. Seven plead guilty - two stood trial and were fined $100.00 and costs - some fifty more. They have appealed, and will doubtless be heard again. We are having some excellent lectures this winter. A course before the Mercantile Association, and a series on Sabbath evening upon various subjects delivered by different clergymen, for the benefit of the community, by the Bangor ministers of all denominations. I regret very much that Samuel is weary, so as not to hear them. They have, so far, been a better class of lectures than usual, I should think. Gov. Dingley on Popular Education - was said to be excellent, - John Quincy Smith and Mr. Stone from Washington have also been delivered.

Many losses from the storms since last September. She has had a very hard time in her waters, but is quite a long letter now. Seventy six tons, and a new gooseneck bowsprit last June. Elsie has kindly offered to pay Lucy's expenses at Wheaton for term, but we think she is to young yet to go this year. It will do her more good besides being pleasanter for her to

here and attend Mary's school a while (as the expense of board and some other things would be saved) and then perhaps attend a Teacher's Institute, and put the extra expense into clothes to start her in school teaching. Mary is interested in her, and would help her along and learn her to teach. Besides which if she was with me I would try to learn her some orderly habits, which she needs. Please send your advice about the matter.

We understand that Greenleaf, the Author of Greenleaf's Grammar ~~& Arithmetic~~, who was teaching in Exeter, examined Mother's letter to Gen. Hodsdon, and concluded that its elegant composition and correct grammatical construction was almost a wonder!!!! I doubt not it will be the chief attraction of the famous history when it is completed!

I have been reading Mrs. Fanny Kemble Butler's "Year of Consolation". It is so nice, that I would certainly write off some extracts & send you, if I did not suppose you had already read it. Her description of the Arts at Rome, both in prose & poetry pleased me particularly. A great many vivid descriptions and "jeux-des-prits" which I enjoyed much. I have now Foster's Essays and Western Clearings by Mrs. Kirkland - do not think very highly of the latter. I bought of a Colporteur last week Mason's Spiritual treasury and Howell's Christ knocking at the door, two excellent books, one for Samuel & one for me. That very afternoon when Samuel came up, he brought me a beautiful shell comb - Jane is studying Grammar - gets along finely - She has begun writing too - does not go to school. I have a verbena almost in bloom, notwithstanding the cold weather. It is reported that we are to have a Custom House, and the street

Lighted with gas next year. I hope it will be so. Mother will finish this good bye. Sister Lucy

Feb 21

Well dear boy, this is a miserable day but I do not feel me not much to day but to talk about myself. My health is excellent I am very much stronger than I was a year ago I had such a leisure time last spring & summer that I have recruited & gathered up strength to run off to Boston all summer. My eyes are better than they have been for 2 or 3 years for which I am very thankful & ought to be

Is your health good or is your constitution in the Navy by that dreadful liquor and taking so much "grog" Ann, that you never will get over it. What News Papers do you get? What Books do you read. Have you any good friendly agreeable Companions? What do you do with your Money that you earn or don't you get any

I came here about the 20th of Nov. have not been from the house since I came here except two halfings to meeting (to meeting) — this a little farther, than I like to walk on the snow, tho' I suppose I could do it and not hurt me perhaps — think I shall when the weather grows a little warmer it has been very severe —— What are your religious privileges & how you are now are they favorable to growth in Grace —— But — our State of Mind (or heart) don't depend very much on outward circumstances in whatever situation God is nigh to all them that call upon him if we thirst earnestly and drink deep at the fountains of all good our peace shall be as a river and no good thing will he withholden

When do you think you shall come home? a great many are gone & going from about here to Cala. for mine

Do you get much of the Kossuth news? He is one of the great topics of conversation here. I read all his speeches and am greatly interested in him. I do not understand enough to judge about national policy or right in the matter, but it seems to me that England and America will be obliged, sooner or later, in self defence, to unite in putting down despotism, and it may be if they do not speak soon, they may be obliged to act by and by — and possibly begin to do so after it is too late. From all I read, I do not doubt

That the Russian Emperor and the Pope knew well what Louis Napoleon was about, and urged the matter on. They may secretly plan and carry out other operations more startling still. What do you think about all these things? A bit in the paper says the New Brunswick Legislature are devising ways and means for the construction of the E. and N. A. Railroad, and to secure aid from the home government. I don't see much Railroad news now-a-days. We are wondering why another letter don't come - do write often. What papers do you get there? We have tried to send you papers, but some how or other fail it every time. Had some all done up once -

Bangor Feb. 24 – 1852.

Dear Brother Isaac.

Your last short letter of Feb. 7 we received yesterday, as also a longer one dated Jan. 30. a few days previous. We have not received letters from you near so often this winter as we did last summer. I hope there have been none lost. I am glad your health and spirits are so good, but beg you will not flatter yourself too much with regard to their remaining so through the warm weather, if you should decide to stay there.

If you do remain, you will of course come and make us a good visit – We shall be willing to wait for it till midsummer, if by so doing we can have a longer one. I seriously warn you not to come East with the intention of stopping but a day or two! I want, if possible, that you and Anna should arrange matters so as to come together – it will be so pleasant for all. I wish we might be established in our new house before you come, but we shall not probably move in before the last of the summer. One week ago yesterday Samuel and I went to Stilo. We had a very pleasant visit – staid three days. Catherine seemed good, pleasant, cheerful and lively. Charles, the same good humored fellow as ever. He is a noble man. Mary & Bion seem are such that all do not find it out. He seems to me a kind and affectionate husband & loving parent.

more and more. There seems to be but one thing lacking - and sometimes I think that is not a small thing. Mother sent him Island's "Christ knocking at the door" - excellent book - I think he will read it. He has been singing at school this winter - I think it has been a benefit to him - he seemed more lively and happy than usual - He and Albina sing considerable at home, which is, I think beneficial to the little ones as well as to themselves. Charlie is a dear little fellow so good, and loving everybody so well - Josie's disposition is very different - he is quick tempered and very impatient - Do you remember how he used to scream when we laid him on the lounge? He does just so now if everything does not suit him. He runs all about the house, but does not talk at all. How many times Charlie said the morning we came away "You needn't do home" - "I don't want you to home" - Almeda, her house and children are about as usual. Lucy is a very amiable, pleasant & intelligent girl but I fear will be somewhat inefficient. James cuts the wood and does the chores as usual, but loves to plead ill as of old, and his Mother rather likes to indulge him. As for Lissie, She is the baby and spends most of her time amusing herself - They are all good, enjoy each other and love all the rest of us dearly. Lucy is coming in about the first of April to attend school. I think she will do well. Your V. came in a good time & was very acceptable to help fit her out - Mr. Billington sent her $3.00 recently - It is very kind of him to remember her. I think

they are all pleasantly cared for. Lee the present. I think Lucy a most excellent girl. She is finishing, all up from Lessons now. She thought as Nils last summer you know - got acquainted with Lucy & seems much interested in her. I am reading the Memoir of Mrs. S. L. H. Smith, wife of Rev. Eli Smith, Miss. to Syria. I like it much, though I am not usually interested in memoirs. The memoir of Miss Mary Lyon I want to mean to have. I want Almeda to read it. I have from the Library The History of the Norman Conquest. We bought of a Colporteur D'Aubigne's Hist. of the Reformation, in four Vols. with portraits of D'Aubigne and Luther - also several other good books. We have a letter from Elicia yesterday. Samuel started for the woods again yesterday morning. He is considerably improved - expects to do pretty well this winter. Spiritual knockings are "all the rage" in Bangor - two or three have "got 'em" on our street - It is quite a money making business - twenty five cents for every visitor. There seems something really mysterious about it, but I cannot think it is any good - The better sort of people here do not associate with it. We have had an unusual quantity of severe cold weather this winter, but the weather begins to soften now. Mr. Tibbets continues to board with us. He is very good, obliging &c. but entirely uneducated. Said to be an excellent workman - Is quite poor and often ill. Affectionately - Sister Lucy.

Lucy Bangor Me.
Feb 24

Jonesboro. March 13. 1852

f. Feb 13. '52

A. S. Prescott Esq.
Jonesboro' Washington Co.
Washington
Maine

Bangor March 7 1852

Dear Brother

We have received two or three letters from you quite recently - I presume you will be expecting one from Bangor by the time this reaches you. Though we so much want to see you, still I think you do wisely to wait awhile before coming East, as it will be better for your health, besides giving you time to stay longer - It seems hardly worth while to come so far for a few days - though to be sure that would be much better than no visit. We have talked a great deal about sending you papers, but it is only once in a while that there seems anything worth sending in these Bangor papers, except what we could cut out and send; for some reason or other sending papers to you has been one of the things that never get done - Samuel has today gone to the Office to see about a Bangor Courier sent regularly to you, till such time as you get tired of it and direct us to stop it, besides which I will endeavor to send whatever of interest I may be able to obtain. We have very little news here now-a-days except about Spiritual knockings. Bangor is full of that, and growing fuller! One of our nearest neighbors' daughters has "got 'em" pretty bad - She has entreated them to go away, but to no purpose They persist in knocking all over and around her

day after day, even if she takes no notice of it and says nothing. It is very mysterious certainly. We have none of us been to hear them yet. What do you think of it. I have been very incredulous about it until lately. now I am perfectly nonplussed. If I thought there was no wrong in it. I would send for some of the knockers to come here, that I might hear for myself. Samuel came for the words last Thursday. is going again on his last trip next Monday. Once this winter there were two wolves kept him company a mile or more on the Aroostook road just after daybreak. some of the way almost under the horses' nose. by and by one jumped out of the road very leisurely, almost within reach of his whip, came in again behind and followed along. They did not show the least ill will or desire to make a breakfast of him, but trotted along like two dogs. He expects to do pretty well this winter.

Walter Brown has purchased one tenement of the big Veazie house on Broad. very intending to occupy it. Edwin and his wife are there now. Walter (Jr.) has gone to California. Our cellar has begun to be digged. I expect the house will go up as Elijah says, as soon as warm weather comes. If I could, I would send you a bouquet. I have a Verbena beautifully in bloom. Rose, Petunia and Daisy budded. We have had a great deal of cold weather during the winter, and this month so far. but are

confidently expecting warm weather by and by. We expect Lucy in a week or two. Your assistance is not at present needed about paying her board. We have for long intended to have her here a while to go to school. Samuel has not made any definite arrangements about business for the coming summer. He will write you about it. House building will take some of his time and attention. He sold his horse, sleigh, harness buffalos &c. to a Lincoln man for $124.00. The Pony was slightly lame. takes play in hard wood logs. I continue to have "ups and downs" as usual. Have been down since I wrote you last and am coming up now. guess I will ask Samuel to finish this letter.

Please continue to write often. It is very good to find a letter at the Office frequently. good bye.

Affectionately, Sister Lucy.

~~Monday~~ Tuesday eve March 9th 1886 I do not know as I am indebted to you for a letter but suppose you will pass it by for what I may write if it does make a balance in my favor, I have had many vicissitudes of life this winter, but on the whole nothing very unpleasant. I have my worst trip now to make shall start next Monday and be away some three weeks. do not know just what will be my business next season suppose I can survey some if I wish I am getting about 100 M hard wood logs. beech birch & maple will cost me here about $6. sawing $3. other expenses $1. total $10. M. plank will be worth $14 to 15; if I ~~too~~ lose none of the logs in getting them down it will

be a fair business, There has been considerable excitement here in the Municipal election. The friends of the Law have been victorious, Sagward to the contrary notwithstanding. Wallie Brown candidate for Alderman the only defeated temperance man in the City, Uncle Natty was in town to see me last night but Lucy declares that he had his pockets full of Sheeps Eyes and really plagues her Mother all she can, I tell Lucy that her Mother had better refuse now so as to spare the poor Mans feelings. I have not much doubt but that he would offer himself if he could get up his courage. He is a very bashfull man. I suppose he needs a good wife but should think he would find it a very difficult matter to purchase one Sarah is no part of a housekeeper and Samuel is but a mere boy, and never will be a man while he lives with his Father. If this should come such a question in any primer as. Who was the greatest Meddler? Nathaniel Hawthorn, would forever be the answer.

S. W. Fisher

Essex & Orange Co. Jan. 1, 1852.

Lucy, March 22. Bangor, Me.

Jonesville. April 21. 1852

Bangor March 22 1852

Dear Sister Lucy

Your last letter was received a few days since - we have been waiting, hoping to receive another letter previous to Elisha's before writing. I suppose you have heard from him, however, more than I have. About a week since we received a letter dated at North Hampton Water Cure - he has put himself under the care of Dr Munde - He wrote himself, but wrote in bed - as usual he expressed himself very indefinitely - did not tell whether he was much worse or not - we feel very anxious about him - more so, if possible, than we should if we knew he was very sick, and he had told us all about it. We are confidently expecting a letter today from him. He does wrong - so does any one - when away from home, and not well, not to tell exactly how he is. I feel very anxious about him - I fear he has been exhausting and studied to read - I think if he had gone to school with no desire, and done his best, made no effort to distinguish himself, but merely to pass away the time, so as not to get homesick as he would certainly very soon do without any employment, it might have been conducive to his health & happiness - That course, however, would probably [illegible]

We feel disappointed at your not coming

come this spring, and yet I course would not wish it if it would endanger your health - I do hope that you and Anna can come together. It will be so nice.

Our Niece Lucy came day before yesterday. We are undecided what school it is best for to - I think she is fully qualified for Mr. Littlefield's, but Eliab is very much opposed to it. She is a nice, and so am I she was not used to town quite things at all. She is a very good girl - a little timid, but I certainly expect she will be - We have some thoughts of sending her to the Bangor Academy private school - I think she may learn much faster what she needs to know there, than at one of the Common public schools. I wish you or Anna or Eliab or some body, were here to advise. Samuel is gone too, so that we are left to the least we can all alone. It is in the East hill in the woods - Your letter to Eliab has been received & forwarded.

Spiritual knockings prevail greatly in Bangor. Dr. Pond has lectured about it. The house was not large enough to contain all who tried to hear him the first time, so he delivered his lecture twice. We understand that at at one Mrs. Johnson's a few evenings since, certain reckless fellows [illegible] the devil, whereupon his satanic majesty forthwith appeared in bodily shape, more than [illegible] a stone's throw and a half stone and a half ten feet long! The, being greatly alarmed sent for the Clergy, &c. just as we have an

raised, the change is in... raised through the wall ! no sooner! This Mrs. Johnson is one of the principal mediums. Two of our nearest neighbors are mediums. Prof. Pond's lecture was "On the kind danger of consulting familiar Spirits." Our cellar is almost dug out.

One special object of this letter is to introduce to your notice the eldest son (nearly twenty I think, perhaps twenty one) of Mr. Samuel Crosby of Hampden with whom we boarded. The substance of the matter is, he wants to be an Engineer, but don't know how to begin. One Mr. Keene of Winthrop teaches Engineering, but asks eighty dollars a year tuition and $2.00 per week board, which makes it rather expensive. William has a natural turn for Mathematics & has paid considerable attention to it. Understands the Theory of Surveying well &c. He is tall awkward, bashful, green-taught school successfully, last winter - is determined to settle in the western States somewhere - His father wishes to know if you would be willing to take him with you, and teach and help him along as you can - he will pay you what is right for your trouble - he will go any time you would wish. If you cannot do this, he would like your advice about ~~what~~ The next best course is to take to market an engineer of sin - Whether to send him to that man or not. He would not get much of it I fear there, probably. Please write us soon - as you receive this as the young man is desirous of going to work

Randolph. They feel pleased to receive a nice letter with a man's good name for your books.

You recollect about Samuel's sale of the Brandy to Capt. Small. He has proved a big rogue - Gave a bill of sale, my bond, run the vessel in debt some $.500. down to the Bay of Chaleur Coast fell - The first Samuel knew it was to be sued at Caraline to pay the bills! so he went down there, settled up as he best could and sold it to another man - loses $500. or more. He has sold the Senator two - notes payable from three months to two years. Made about sixty dollars on that! His navigation don't turn out very smart. I am glad he is fairly rid of them - probably he will do better with some other property. The man Mr. Babcock is very anxious to let him the mill again, or sell him the lease for 3 years. I don't know what he will conclude about it.

I suppose Mother will want to write some - Another piece in the last Mother's Magazine signed "L. H. F." Bangor Mrs. It was honored with a picture. Samuel bought Minnie & Nancy Ann when at Rockland - We like it much: good boys - in health - visit Sees.

P. M. Just received a letter from Eliza - Ed cut three fingers, bad accident? The kind says he is sick trouble - is much better now - he has probably written you about it - Eliza's treatment and it effects much - [illegible] I wish we might see you sometime all be very glad to see you. I have our dear Mother's portrait painted, it is [illegible] you a good one. Mr. Brandy's uncle is

Lucy Bangor
May 3 1852

Elizabeth seems quite taken up with French and Mathematics. I presume he has made good progress. He has written some real good compositions, I think. Samuel is away in the woods again. I pleased myself with the thought that he had gone his last trip before, but there were about a million of logs that he could not scale on account of the deep snow, and was therefore obliged to go again. He has taken the mill again. Pays a little more than he did last year, as there have been some repairs and he has somewhat room than before. The Mill, together with his house building will make him a good deal of care. I believe I have written all about Lizzie. She is a dear good girl - almost her only fault is speed, and that we can hardly call a fault, rather a natural defect, is it not? She studies Arithmetic, Intellectual Algebra and History besides Parsing, & Composition seems to be her greatest trial. It is difficult for me, either to compose or write. Jane began to attend the Grammar school, but after going a week and getting all her new books, the teacher told her she was hardly qualified. So I taught her at home

There is a good deal of religious interest here in all or nearly all the churches. There seem a good many conversions, but there is no wide excitement. There are a good many sectarian meetings evenings and I can hardly content myself to be shut up here, unable to enjoy some of them. Our Church is going on in earnest about building a meeting house which will probably have considerable distinction from the other churches. The Unitarian church is to be rebuilt of wood. This summer, I believe, a Roman Catholic Cathedral up on Broadway, and perhaps a Chapel for the Seminary. The theater lot above East Market square is to be graded and beautified, and there is some talk of getting a few factories going and lighting the streets with gas. If you recieve the Courier, which Samuel ordered sent to you, you get all the Bangor news. We take the daily Courier and the Independent. The latter is a most excellent paper. I wish every body could read it. From the Library I have now Carlyle's "Past, Present and Chartism"; also Grace Aguilar's "Women of Israel" - a series which I like very much. My health is ....

Lucy Bangor
May. 29. 1852

Bangor May 29. 1852.

Dear Brother James

Your long and big letter of the 9 inst. was received a few days since - & was particularly pleased with your descriptive and topographical description of the beautiful balmy days & the delightful atmosphere in your part of the world at this delightful season of Spring. I read in the papers about your great thunder storms. Does'nt the delicious, fragrant air that you speak of, make you feel languid and unnerved. I in fact, I should much prefer our eastern climate.

At any rate, give me New England for my home. I presume you will say so too - Notwithstanding the many drawbacks you have, on the whole more pleasures - both for body and mind, than any other place I know of. I should dearly love to see those noble broad & blooming forests and prairies - & [illegible] all your wonderful things - the "beautiful things of Nature productions" and those ancient mounds & works built by nobody knows who. I have always been greatly interested about those old western mounds and (Indian walls) ~~Forts~~. I value your last letter particularly much - I just as know that you

could do so well at description! There are one or two particularly fine sentences. I think I can enjoy looking at beautiful scenery, but I have no power to describe the "surface of the earth". I believe I have enjoyed the Spring this year more than ever before. We had an unusually long severe winter, and I have been so long confined in doors, that the Spring air and the greenery seem more invigorating and delightful than ever. Vegetables are just bursting through the ground in our gardens — fruit trees, lilacs &c. are in bloom. I have just had a darling bouquet of wild flowers sent in — how you would love it! real Wild flowers — Solomon's seal, Anemone, Benjamin root, ground nut, Violets and Innocence. I wish I could hand it over to you — how I do love flowers — especially wild ones. Elisha you have doubtless heard from before now — he is in business with Mr. Hawkins, as I think he wrote you — very busy — he thinks his health improving, though his back troubles him considerably now — He does not get a great deal of time to write I judge, as he sits up nights to write to the Sick Lady at East Hampton — If I don't tell you, he will when you come home. Sep-

prize - I will merely tell you - that her name is Miss Ella not that she is a clergyman's daughter - I am interesting
[illegible] particularly to my brother! She has her daguerreotype here - She is quite a demure looking damsel. There has been nothing done as yet about getting a good likeness of our Mother - I feel anxious about it. William Crosby is much pleased with the idea of going with you - but his father is so much out of health that he cannot go till fall.

We do not like to be in suspense so long about your coming home - we keep expecting you daily.

The religious interest continues - perhaps increases - There have been thirty conversions, as we hope, in our society - mostly among the young - a good deal of interest in the girls high school - meetings every morning - and frequent evening & afternoon meetings. Almeda thinks there is more than usual seriousness in Viola. When she writes to Aunt Thr. Whidden, we may hear - not expected to live - She says he has seemed to enjoy religion for some time - When they last heard from the Californians, they had got to Panama - Everett sick - Monroe very sick - not expected to live -

Samuel is full of care and business, as usual -

[illegible] sent to Old Town last Thursday per a wagon
[illegible] engine & big logs for the mill. It is 80 days [illegible]
[illegible] to get home from, and Lumber is high
[illegible] - Dear Father this last week [illegible]
Dear Samuel R. is down to be married & one of his
[illegible] (Sarah Ann) is Engaged - Lidya
(there is one spelling wrong - how many mistakes
[illegible] I have made in this letter) She Samuel
[illegible] married recently. Lucy [illegible] better will
[illegible] read this & be writing Confidential -
[illegible] know whether it is best for her & Jay -
[illegible] or not - She has just got nicely [illegible]
[illegible] I rather think she had better. I am going
to get a girl as soon as I can. Do Mother come
down a while. She hardly knows what to do
or come back - is not feel willing to have it
to the work longer - I think it is [illegible]
[illegible] - She ought to have one every two years
care - I should send for a girl [illegible]
keep a girl - I will be glad to receive a letter
from each letter next time - I am [illegible]
more - We are running up - some shirts against
[illegible] [illegible] good bye - Yours affectionately

Lucy.

Sister Nettie

Did one day write to Lucy a few most acceptable and welcome words of love & kindness, for which Lucy ~~is~~ was truely thankful, and earnestly requests that the same good Nettie will favor her with many more messages from time to time as she

finds license & injurious
to purity. She also begs
that Nellie will whisper
in her husband's ear
a suggestion that it
would be proper for
him to transmit some
kind of a communi-
cation to his sister Lucy
as often, now that he is
within thirty or forty
miles of her, as when
he was in far distant
Illinois. Furthermore,
Lucy will clothe Nellie
with full power, as a law-

ful functionary, to "nudge", and otherwise molest, Miss Rich and any or all other members of the household now convened at Cedar Grove, until such time as they shall see fit to acknowledge past remissness in the matter of correspondence, and shall despatch to her one or more well filled sheets of paper.

Wishing Nettie all happiness, as well as success in the above men-

Enclosed endeavor of Lucy
remains her loving
Sister
Bangor July 31-1852.

Lucy Bangor
July 31 1852
Wells

Lucy Hooper
Aug. 7 1862
Mile

Newport Aug. 7 1862

[illegible] is so dead it is very hard talking with [illegible]. I want you should ride about a little [illegible] you come back to Bangor.

In regard to "washing", it seems rather cruel, truly, to be obliged to submit to such Draconian decrees: but submission we must all learn, you know. Moreover, in some cases and in some places, it seems that "might makes right". I wish I could have taken a peep at brother Rider's establishment with you. better still, I should like a peep at himself! Am glad raspberries are so abundant. we have bought some several times, but they do not taste like freshly picked berries in the country. besides, they lacked cream!

Thanks for your sisterly efforts in regard to "nudging out letters". Hope "his honor" may be more tractable in future. I went to church last Sabbath half a day. Hope to go again tomorrow. It did seem good to go into the courts of the house of the Lord, and meet with his people again. I carried a stick for a cane, and I cannot get [illegible] me with a chair to rest my feet on. So

[illegible] very tired. Though the days are uncomfortable.

Poor Prince seems to be left quite in the background about letters writing. [illegible] are so many of the "fair Sex" bound [illegible] to write first. He is in rather a [illegible]

[illegible] I should be highly gratified with [illegible] the state of the crops, present and prospective. of the progress of planting, and the farming interests in general. [illegible] is certainly a subject a little [illegible] female friends will not be likely to touch upon. He can have it all to himself, if he is so amuse with writing on the same subject [illegible] times.

I am weary and must just say [illegible] are coming the first of next week, I am really impatient to see you. Good bye.

[illegible]

Sister Nettie.

Bangor Aug. 31 - 1852.

Dear dear Brother & Sister -

It is next morning after you went away, just after breakfast. Before I proceed to further business I will sit me down and say a few words to you.

We feel very anxious to hear from you, it was so stormy yesterday. I think I think you must have taken the stage, for we were at the wharf half an hour before the boat left, and did not see you. We had a pretty hard night with your Cousin. He went to bed and slept all the forenoon. It was so very raining that two of Mr. Tebbets' men came in and dined with us. Samuel did not go to the mill all day. It might, who should appear to my astonished view but Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Swasey, on their way from Bucksport to Vinal. They started Mrs in the rain because Mr. Lee was sick and had written for them - They have just gone in the Corinth stage. I feel quite weary with the ex-

ersion of talking with Mrs. Lee. We did not say anything about it, but I do hope you will write from Brunswick. I fear you will be quite sick, Nettie, before you get to your Dumbarton home. and not much rest for you there, I am afraid. I shall think very much of you parting with so many dear ones. But a year is not such a very long time. We will hope it may be the will of God to spare us all to meet again then. May He watch over, protect and comfort you both, as his own dear children. I must leave now, and finish my letter another time.

Sat. Sept. 4- Mother & Anne came Thursday with Jamie. He & Mrs. Lucy went home the next day. We are disappointed in not hearing from you before now. I suppose you found no time at Brunswick - Nettie is by this time in her dear old home. I hope her brother can not go. Mr. Gassener is coming to commence operations Monday morning. I do not

he will give us a good likeness. Anne is very much pleased with her likeness of Nellie. Mother also is exceedingly gratified. I can not tell you how much I prize mine & thank you for it.

In Health - Samuel, Anne and Jane have gone to meeting - Mother is enjoying a walk up stairs - getting strength to go to Church this afternoon - Elijah is spending the day with Caleb Cornier. He was perfectly rational yesterday, but is not considered out of danger as his fever has not turned. Mr. Sebbes has been discharged - He boards on Harlow St. Elijah has engaged board at Mrs. Palmer's. Jane goes to school - got into the school and class where I wished her to be. Samuel has advertised the Mann farm for sale. Why don't you write to Charles your opinion about his selling his farm? He is more alone than ever, now Alexander has gone, you know - and how will his children get along? But I must not write any

more now. So please let us hear from you very often. My respects and love to all your friends if you please. When Samuel and I go to St. Stanfield Hall, perhaps we will go to Lambarton. I should so love to. good bye with much love

Lilie Lucy.

Mrs. Bamber Aug 31/62
Sunderland

Lucy
Oct. 1 Bangor Me.
Jonesboro
Oct. 23. 1852

Bangor Oct. 1 1852

Dear Brother & Sister

It is a most splendid quiet, warm, Indian Summer day - such as we enjoy at this season of the year.

We moved last Tuesday, and having got a little over the confusion consequent on such an event, and being too tired and spiritless to do anything else, I will even write you a letter; which, by the way, I really intended to do before now, that it might (just here I was interrupted by a ring at the door from "Uncle Natty" accompanied by a Mr. Hamlin from St. Stephen - he is "shaving" about town to get subscribers for the "Christian Reg'r." Mr. Hamlin did the talking - or rather (I) each Jonesboro before you did, and welcome you on your arrival; but time would fail to tell of all the Cabots and kindred & miscellaneous connections &c. &c. which I have encountered. And now I am told nearly

wearied out. I have been obliged to keep in a "horizontal position" much of the time yesterday and today. I shall undoubtedly feel better after a few days of rest and quiet. In addition to our other Callers, we felt obliged to invite Mrs. Shepherd (who has left today for Port Carling) Mrs. Webster and Lizzie Doe to tea yesterday, which of course made us some work in preparation &c. Our house is nice and convenient in every part. we enjoy it and I hope are thankful. Elizabeth boards with us yet. Mother stayed about three weeks. we got a pretty good likeness, though we are hardly satisfied with the expression of the mouth. It is quite large, with a nice plain gilt frame. Don't you wish you could see it? I do. Charles was down this week. he is quite undecided what to do about selling his farm. Mr. John Cutler and wife called here this week. Charles says Amelia looks five years younger than before she was married! I am thinking a little of going to Nile soon with

Samuel - He has gone into partnership with one Saml Bradeen in some lumbering operations for this winter, and is going up counting to buy oxen and hay.

Mrs. R. F. Hawthorne died very suddenly this week of congestion of the brain. He retired on his table sabbath noon & died tuesday evening. I have sent an account of the laying of the corner stone of our church to send you, but I cannot now find it. Among other valuables deposited beneath it was a copy of the Maine Law. We have received letters from you from Cleveland & Cincinnati. William Crosby has had no letter yet. but says he shall start tuesday at any rate. I am much obliged, Hattie, for the braid pattern, but am sorry that you should have troubled yourself to think of it, with all your cares and so little time - what a hurrying, confused, sad and happy time you must have had at your Sumbarton home - do please write us particularly all about your home and accommodations at Jones

over. Anna and I have made a cunning little Bayatelle since you went away - we intend by and by to make a toilet table and a stuffed barrel chair also to attend, for the space of two or three weeks, vigorously and perseveringly, à crayon drawing. If Ida is not called away, and we are all well, we hope to enjoy this winter finely. I hope Mother will come again by and by. Ida is going to Brownville soon to stay a while with "Mrs. Gilman Pickens." We understand that all this was in lieu at her departure, and Brownville received her with smiles & open arms. Brownville villagers turned out en masse to make bridal calls! please make due allowances for any egregious specches. Anna attended the Musical Convention a little - was not very well, and could not spare time to go more. My back is very weary & I must rest - do please remember how much we shall expect frequent letters from you - Faith - Love & haste &

Affectionately, Sister Lucy.

Lucy – Bangor Oct. 31
1862

Dubuque, Nov. 13 – 1862

[illegible] I wonder that you
can write [illegible] I received that from me - but we have
all written and received it from home. I hope
you will write very often. It seems to me
that if I were in your place, I could write
a long letter to somebody every day, so many
new and amusing things constantly tak-
ing place which would be so interesting
to us yankees, - whereas here it is the same old
story day after day. I can tell you that the
flowers are all frostbitten and the only bouquet
we can muster is composed of many colored
"autumn leaves" and evergreens - except that
in the house we have a monthly pink and
a little Cactus in bloom. Our garden fence
is in process of making - I have had a fine
[illegible] rosebushes & other shrubs given me
[illegible] Two of
our nephews - Elbridge and Willie Gardi-
ner spent a night here last week - Elbridge is
going into the woods for Samuel, and Willie
brought him down. [illegible]
I told Eliza in my last, I [illegible]

[illegible]

Our meetings have been very good. Mr. [illegible] is [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Lucy - Bangor Nov 21 1852.
DuLuoin - Dec. 18 1852.

Dear Sister Hattie

I received your letter and was very much pleased to hear from you. I intended to have written before, but failed to do so. I hope you will excuse this delinquency, but the "seven mile navigator" is on exhibition at the Hall and consequently my time is very much occupied. In the Lincoln Democrat I should not like to be found wanting.

Samuel returned from Dixmont last night. Brother Ed and Ann Eliza came with him quite a piece of way. Our sister Eliza has a "nice fat daughter" weighing nine lbs. and quite a Democrat too. Eliza is very much pleased with her child. Ann Eliza is very much pleased with me. I received a letter from Mother and Edward a few days since, and last night the carrier of post-dispatches, Mr. Lovejoy, brought me a letter from Mother. Brother Ed is at Augusta.

I was much pleased with your account of the old ministers' conference. I wish I could have been there to spend it! I hope you will write me a letter as Mr. Dulcin leaves this town. I really hope you will give me a more complete description than you have as yet

[illegible] Cypress for sale in Florence Italy
[illegible] [illegible]. Also sent me two
[illegible] from Minnesota. By the way, Emma
and I were both elected honorary corresponding
members of a literary society at College Grove. Com-
munications & their manuscripts [illegible] (the Themis)
are solicited! There, I ordered it!

Let me transcribe what I think of it, a few lines
that I found in "The last days of Pompeii". It is a part
of The blind flower girl's song.

"Buy my flowers, O buy, I pray,
The blind girl comes from afar;
If the earth be as fair as I hear them say,
These flowers her Children are!
Do they her beauty keep?
They are fresh from her Cave, I know,
For I caught them fast asleep
In her arms an hour ago,
With the air which is her breath,
Her soft and delicate breath,
Over them murmuring low:-

On their lips her sweet kiss lingers yet,
And their cheeks with her tender tears are wet;
For she weeps - that gentle mother weeps
(As morn and night her watch she keeps,
With a yearning heart and a passionate care)
To see the young things grow so fair:-

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Don't you think they are getting better. Now that Lily
like I have in yesterday's letter, which I wish you
may also have a shared part of that [illegible]
Lily. Should not doubt that a grave full might bring
forth an angel." Jane has done quite a deal in
the present and Annie and Jane entertains a little
more leisure. She has not yet attained as much
in her studies as she would have done had she not
hours to play at home, - She is to have a vacation till
after Thanksgiving, and then commence studying
at home - Samuel brought this Spiritual intelligence
from Paris - the prettiest I ever saw - Don't you - wish
you could be invited to dine with us next Thursday
We should be most happy to have you both. Annie
and I have almost given up our intention of drawing
for the present at least - we find so much to do and
to read, there is no time! We have short letters from
Almeda occasionally. She seems very happy in her
new home. Did I write you or does you recollect [illegible]
sad accident to Charles' largest child? He jumped
against the [illegible] and a [illegible] went
an inch square right into her side just below
the shoulder sixteen inches! They think it will
live. How much like [illegible] Mrs
not [illegible] Time is very short. Charles related

Lucy. Mils Jan 16. 1858
Dubuque, Feb. 5. 1858—

your custom of writing letters on the sabbath.
Called. though in truth I hardly consider
it justifyable in my case, however it may be
in yours. But somehow on these long, quiet
days when all the rest are at church, I feel
like talking with dear absent ones. I must
sometime intended to write to you when at
home last, to answer two of your letters which
I have kept Closed away by themselves for
that purpose this long time, but he was
evidently occupied with necessary business
until the last evening, which he had
devoted to letter writing, when he was pre-
vented by company - Mr. and Mrs. Jewett
who came to spend the evening. They were
here Monday evening - he went away Tues-
day - another evening of this week was taken
up by a visit from Mr. Charles Barrett (a
gentleman returned from California) and his
wife (Evangeline, - and another still with

the two Misses Haynes who came in to spend an evening. - besides which we have had fine ceremonious calls during the week - & not a few more visits and company than is usual with us. I returned from Phila a little more than a week since - went to meeting last Sabbath afternoon to hear a most excellent sermon from our good Prof. Shepard on the text "Lord I believe - help thou mine unbelief". I do feel it that I lose so many of his good sermons. We learn that Hammond Street people feel quite moved about so many of their most influential & wealthy members leaving them. Anne wrote you some of the names I believe. There have been several additions recently by profession of young persons - fruits of the revival last spring. The great topic of conversation for a few weeks past in the city has been the marriage of Mr. Hanlow. He has been outrageously and shamefully insulted by a serenade with sleigh bells, tin trumpets &c and by a public cheering and hissing at a Mercantile Lecture, - besides which the most absurd and ridiculous stories that

malicious and witty persons could devise, have been in every body's mouth. As an instance, the story is gravely repeated that when his last wife died, some one came to ask him where a board should be found to lay her out on, to which he replied "You go into the granary, and go right up stairs, turn to the right, S.E. and right up overhead you will find one that I keep on purpose." It is added moreover that the present Mrs. Harlow has burned up the board since she came there! It seems to be conceded on all sides that Uncle Natty can't have another wife, that this one will outlive him through the High school boys have selected a sixth, I believe - but I have no business to pen down so much idle talk.

The Mercantile Association are having some fine lectures. Dr. Gannett from Boston - Dr. Channing's colleague and successor, lectured last Friday evening on conversation - very interesting & good, and again tomorrow on N. Eng. ideas and institutions - How I should love to hear him. Dr. Cheever and Prof. Hitchcock have given

Lucy - Bangor, Jan. 30-1863 -
Some very fine lectures. Everett says he has
Dubuque Feb 11 1863 —
not been a well day since he arrived at Pem
aquid on his way to Californios - He appears
better very much better than ever I saw him
before - They appear to me as if they feel nearer
and will be more to each other than ever before
His ill health and misfortunes may make
them both worth more to each other & to the world
than they would ever have been without them.
I wish you could see him - He appears like a
gentleman - he is talented & intelligent - with
a quiet, subdued manner, somewhat tinged
with sadness.

I believe in my last I forgot to express the
admiration I felt for the presence of mind of
the damsel who rescued you the night
or whatever it was, Nellie - Give my love and
respects to her, whoever she is! Has your wrist
got well yet? Whenever you write, I wish you would
just mention William Crosby, as they inquire so
frequently if you wrote about him (though they
hear from him often) that we want something to
say. We have had a most remarkable winter -
bright, warm days succeeding each other week
after week - but one storm, and that rain - since
the 28th of Dec. barely enough snow for sleighing.

Bangor Feb 7th 1883

Brother Isaac

A long time I have been purposing to write to you and to answer some of your interrogatories You wish to know of my woods operations, we (Bradley & Co) have three 4 ox and three 6 ox teams at work around Millinocket Lake on townships No 2 R 7 & No 1 & 2 R 8 W. E. L. State about 10 Miles S. E. from Katahdin 3 of our teams are hauling norway pine logs 2 Saplin pine 1 old pine. We have a good chance for putting in many logs. The month of Jan has been the best month for logging I ever knew, we have had no snow for six weeks, we are now in the midst (or I rather hope in the latter part) of a big thaw. which has now lasted some five days, the snow has all left here. The streets very muddy and every thing looks bad. but we are looking for a change to night. on the strength of the Moon's influence, is that wise or foolish? I had quite an affair in getting into the woods a few trips since. I was going over a piece of Meadow or arm of Umbagog Lake which was ~~four~~ flowed when the Lake froze up. afterward the water fell some two feet and the ice was left on the ground except when a small spring brook came into the Meadow over which the ice grew rotten and broke under my horse and let him into the brook where there was ten inches of water and ten feet of mud so soft that my colt sunk down over his back. I went into the woods found a sled and broke up the ice and jumped my colt ashore some 2 or 3 rods. it was a much worse place to get into than the Lake would have been.

I usually go from home each alternate week about Tuesday and get home about next week Thursday. I go by Mr Rider's and Watson Philbrooks it is 80 miles from here to my camps I drive a horse and pung this winter a very comfortable affair The prices of all produce continue high. hay $18. at Milo. beans 2.00 corn $1.00, pork $25 flour $6. lard 14cts butter 20cts. labor is very high when we have usually paid $15 we are paying 18 to 20 lumber is also looking up and I think will overlook every thing else in this market The coming season people are putting on very high heeled boots, they will probably get them so high that a little jostle may upset them.

You have made some enquiries about the cost & expense of running a steam Mill. of the cost I cannot tell as I have never made any calculations, to run my Mill, or rather engine 2 saws & one Machine it costs about $2,75 per day. I can saw of boards about 7000 ft per 12 hours and 5 M 5 shingles or 7 M laths. I have paid this year $1,12½ per thousand feet for having my lumber sawed besides running the Engine. I have sawed mostly my own logs (have sawed about 300,000 ft by the thousand at 2.3/4 $) I paid $1260. for the Mill and have made out of the operation about $2200. logs are taken at the Old Town boom sawed by water and run here for about $2.50 per M whether money can be made by it I do not know but presume there can. the advantages of the Steam Mill are that you can saw at all times of the month and saw small lots of lumber to order at paying prices, The steamboat folks are preparing for the accomodation of the public next summer fares will probably be very low. petitions are now in circulation for five new Banks. one of half a million also for

for a steam Ferry across the Penobscot at the Ferry mount
and for a Plank road to Frankfort; It is supposed
that the River Rail Road to Old Town will be given
up. Mr Atkin the man to put it through (as we say) died
in New York a few days since of a disease of the heart
The People of the Waterville line are hard at work to
get their subsinption up to ½ a Million before commencing
which they hope to be able to do by Spring. The E. & N. A. R
moves slow waiting for Uncle Sam's land in the West
to given to the States for their benefit: how long!
Elliot is yet here Almeda and Mr Rider are caught
here on a visit am intending to go home tomorrow if the
weather will permit: The folks am getting tired and
I must stop Good Night Much love to Nettie
glad she did not get quite drowned. Hope you both
will live a long time and be very happy as I am
Sure you will be

P. W. Garbey

Feb. 10 –

Samuel has made out quite a letter. I am
myself truly obliged to him, and presume you will
be as much so, as what he has written is just
what I could not so well tell you. If you could
know how very much his time is occupied, I am
sure you would not blame him for not writing
oftener. The warm weather and lack of snow has
added much to his labors This winter. The ground

Samuel & Lucy - Bangor, Feb 7, 1853

Dudevoir Mar. 29. 1853

Views of Nature is totally different from ... Eternity - Lecture - not so wordy.

is now entirely bare though it is pretty cold and has just begun to snow a little - we may have quite a little winter yet. Almeda came down with Samuel last week & was yesterday, just as the thaw was coming on - Mr. Rider came in the train Saturday, thinking of course it would come cold by monday when he intended to go home - but after waiting till tuesday he was obliged to take a waggon as far as Bradford, where he waited for Almeda who took stage wednesday, yesterday in company with Samuel - From Bradford they went on runners. Samuel could not take his own horse on account of the travelling, but felt obliged to go, fearing that his teams would not get in from Brownville - but they were all nicely off when he got there so he took stage again this morning, and hopped in upon us quite unexpectedly tonight - stopped about ten minutes in the house, then off down street to see some teams to go as far as Bradford tomorrow - Has since been home, eaten a "hasty plate" of clam soup, and gone with Mother, Annie, Lissie Love & Elisabeth to hear a lecture on reading by Prof. Shepard - tickets 25 cts - for the help the ladies furnish our sick Church - It is an old lecture said to be (& thought by himself I understand) the best of all his performances - has been delivered as one of

Lucy A Hathorn &c
Bangor March 26 53

Indian Isles

Bangor Mar. 26 1853.

My dear Sister & Bro.

I have received one letter from each of you since I wrote to Jen, but for near a fortnight my head has troubled me very much, so that until today, I have really felt unable to write at all. It is quite unusual for me to have any difficulty with my head, so I felt inclined to be the more careful. My eyes have felt as if they would burst open if I used them much. From a strong sense of duty, I did write a letter to Lucy, Sarah one day, fearing she might be sad and downcast, away and my strength for the first time. I think I wrote you but it was so stupid. We have not heard a word from her - do not know what she is studying over anything about us except that we are friends at Col. Smith's on Main St. Jen wrote - I recollect one Lou and another Grace. Jen. Paul with him was studying as confined both with rheumatism, and a bad pain, not remembering Bright Eyes Paul, who used to attend the academy, I inquired from Mrs Jennings if Jen and Sophia & Lou spare the time, I said you would write. Lucy. It would comfort me much and delight Angie & Mrs Hathorn - Jen. Lou are in very thoughtful

and I served - almost painfully so. Mother has
Lucia & Margaret - I want very much to see
them - have not for many weeks - The travelling
is and has been exceedingly bad between here
and Hampden, and for that matter all about
here. We have had very little cold weather and
less this winter and a great deal of rain and
damp, & of mild weather. Margaret has had a very
ill turn lately - seems very weak and languid,
no appetite, some cough and a troublesome
bronchial difficulty, if not already settled
on her lungs. Her parents feel anxious about her
but perhaps you had better not worry William
about it, unless his folks write him. They feel
deeply anxious about him. Mr. Crosby was dismissed and undecided about his state, for a
great many years, fatally owing his health to the
state of his health, occasioning, as you know,
at times, great depression of spirits - He is very
fearful that William may get into the same
way. Elijah has just been in - seems in fine spirits
most extremely elated, Brother Levi - is going to
Boston Monday - expects to be married the 1st
of April, take a journey of a week or fortnight's
in N.Y. and round about with Maria & then to
Vermont. He has been out pretty largely in the way
of clothing and wedding finings - has engaged
rooms and furnished one at Mr. Palmer's

on State St. - the house that Dr. George Rich formerly occupied - He does not furnish his harbor till Dennis is here to counsel and assist - He has not yet learned the exact amount of damage to his vessels - says he may be brought to a great financial crisis by and by! If he only has his health, I do not fear but he will get along notwithstanding these losses, and he seems very much better than a fortnight since - his cough has entirely left him - we did put quite anxious for a few days, and I think he was alarmed about himself.

Samuel has gone into the woods for the last time this winter - to be gone ten "great long days" Nettie. I think you and I ought to enjoy a good deal in our husbands when they are at home, we are obliged to be separated so much - I am very, very glad to know that you are so happy in each other. It seems so easy for husband and wife to be happy together, and it must be so dreadful not to live in harmony. I think our being happily mated is one of the blessings we ought to be most especially thankful for. I hope Elliott will realize all and more than all the happiness he anticipates. He is so sensitive that if all is not right he will suffer more than some would. I am both desiring and dreading to see the new sister - I wish she could pop in unexpectedly as you did, Nettie. We are expecting Theodore and his wife from Minnesota early in the

summer & make us a visit of some weeks - Anna and Elizabeth Doe are really talking seriously of commencing a school in Chicago early in the Summer or before - Anna has been here with us to Conf, & hardly feel as if we could spare her to go away again, especially to go so far. Matties may turn so that she will not go. Jennie, you must take care of yourself as the warm weather comes on and not let a press of business lead you to neglect your own health and comfort - I am glad you have one with you to help take care of you, and you must allow her to have a proper degree of influence over you. I don't wonder that a person's thoughts should wander in church when the congregation were dressed in the grotesque motley habiliments which Nettie describes. Dr Doe says it was just so when he was in Illinois. My sheet is nearly full, and my eyes warn me that it is time to rest - thank you much for writing so often and particularly - please continue to do so - with much love.

Rec'd your letter on business to Flint a few days since - he has read it - says he has rec'd no bill - he is probably

March 4th 1853

My Dear Children

The last one you wrote to me I will just let you know that I have got it & have read it over & over & thank you very much for your good letter It is such a pleasing thing to hear from you, to hear you are well & what you are doing & thinking & feeling when you are away off there. We are all in about our usual health now. Mo Lucy has a Cold & has been rather more unwell than usual had a very severe head ache a few days — And Eliab has had a severe Cold which affected his lungs we were quite alarmed about him & he was about himself I think —

I went down to his boarding place & I thought he would have a lung fever got him home here and sent for Dr. M.C. Peirce he examined his lungs and called it Catarrh of the lungs thought he could help him & did gave him a dose of Calomel which did help him immediately and essentially that was last week Thursday he is now about his work & calls himself well

He is going to Mass. next monday — to be married April 6th and take a journey to Hartford and to visit Marian & friends N York Mate

I have lately made a visit of three days at Whites found the folks all well getting along about as usual. Rhoda lately had a good letter from you for which they seemed very grateful hope they'll answer as it ought

Sam I has gone into the woods for the last time this was the 5 trip — he carried with him $200.00 to pay his men

Mr. Crossley was in here yesterday he seeming very anxious about William fears that he has a consumptive tendency to Mother but rather fears his being settled to and discouraged is too much

I hope William feels better one more if he will just look away from self entirely and rest upon the goodness & mercy of God it seems as if he could but have joy — joy unspeakable — It is giving way to the adversary to let his mind dwell so much on his own demerits — I should think from what his Mother said of his letters that he was a great deal too desponding & accusing himself — Margaret's health is very poor I dont think she will ever see Illinois I fear she will not live many months

Anna & Lizzie Doe expect to go to Chicago some time between now and the last of May it may be in a few weeks — She is just going down stairs and thinks she cannot write today — & Lucy's head is hardly well enough for her to write much today

The people in Milo have got no council about their meeting house the Calvinist Baptists now own one half and the Freewill Baptist the other with an agreement that they shall each occupy by mutual consent which has the effect to exclude the Universalists the determination on the part of the Calvinist baptists to prevent the Universalists having any control of it caused the difficulty — The Taxes in Milo are very exceedingly high I wish Charles was well out of Milo and it in a better place — I hope you can come home next summer & how we shall want to show you your new Sister & the little Mary Charles baby — & O how I shall want to see you my Dear Children — God bless you & keep you in the way

Samuel & Lucy
Bangor Apl 12 53

Isid. De Quincy May 16.

Bangor April 12th 1853

Brother Isaac

Your letter of March 26 was rec yesterday am glad to hear of your continued good health and prosperity also of your domestic happiness, but you just wait about five years and you will then probably say that you were not wise in thinking yourselves as happy as any other people when you were enjoying your first years happiness. You and Nellie really seem to think you are throwing all others in the shade in the matter of real solid enjoyment. Well I do not wish to quarrell with you about the matter. So am deceived.

We took our teams out of the woods the 31st of March. got in about 2,700,000ft which was more than we expected to get when we first went into the woods, about the first of Feb we thought we should get in about 3000000ft but Feb was a poor month I think we shall make $1000. each with a good margin for more. I have taken the Brewer Steam Mill for another year, have to pay bout $3000. worth of logs for sawing them I paid $1760. Mill Rent last year, sawed about 1,300,000ft of lumber at an expense of about $2600. my logs cost about $12000, so that I made a business of about $16000. to make my $2200. The Holmes Steam Mill is to be sold at auction the 7th of May by the Administrator I think some of buying it if it goes as low as I think it will say about $7000. it is one of the best places for a Mill on river and one of the best Mills

West Stokes Courting of Frankfort was here yesterday
wishes much for me to go to Frankfort and buy one half
of his Mill and go into business with him, at some
times before this I should have considered such an
offer to be a very first rate chance and it is now but
I do not want to go and think I shall be somewhat
governed by my inclinations in the matter,
The money for your Mother shall be as you wish
Elias has I suppose lost about $600. on two vessels
the last winter but I suppose he now feels rich and I hope
that he is really so we expect him home in about one week
The ice left the river the 5th inst harbor full of vessels business
beginning to be brisk. We go by ships down on the seas.
people of a fearfull temperament will go only on rails
Why do you not quit Engineering and go to lumbering? I have
no doubt but that I could make two dollars in the lumbering
business in Illinois as often as you can make less than that En-
gineering and have much less care and perplexity than you have
You have no home and never can have one in your business you
are at the mercy of employers. you do well for a season
and then for another season perhaps you are compelled to live
on the interest of your money the principle being all spent first
I think it must be amusing to a Penobscot man to see you Illinoisans
manufacture lumber. Why dont you tell your folks that they do not
know any thing? But I suppose you think if they know enough
to build Rail Roads they must be wise. I suppose. Talks all about
Good night. Love to Ettie

L. W. Fuller

Margaret is ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible]

advise her to go West immediately as the only means of restoration, but it seems to me she would never return if indeed she lived to get there. We rode down there one day last week.

Dear Sister Nellie

Samuel wrote thus much last night leaving the sheet for me to fill out. He has really undertaken to retort upon Isaac on various points. Truly, our best wishes for your happiness are that you may enjoy as much as we do and have done. It makes us very glad to think of you as so comfortable and happy.

How true it is that our outward circumstances and condition have very little to do with our real happiness. I do wish you had a resting place and home of your own - there is great comfort in it - but your case is not near so hard as it might be; the worst of it is Isaac's being gone so much. I can sympathize with you in that, you know, in the winter. Day before yesterday Samuel brought us a dear bundle of letters from you and Isaac - each of us one, and some to spare I believe. We thank you much. I think your singing birds and delicious air and luxurious vegetation must be delightful in the Spring, and perhaps the whole year round. Still I cannot for a moment wish to change places with you. If I were well enough I would dearly love to take a journey out there and enjoy it a few days with you. Would it we have a fine horseback ride together. I was on the point of saying there ye were highly favored in regard to meetings, Sabbath schools &c. and indeed I suppose you are so, compared with those who have no religious privileges; yet I fear I

Margaret is in Omaha & is to be married to Mr. Lyman Gibbs a very nice young man from Ia. - Some

should think it too great a privilege to sit five or six hours in a day listening to a dull preacher! Why don't you try to persuade them to have but one ser. vice in a day? Or would'nt that be right?

It was a rainy day and Samuel went to the Sewing Circle yester afternoon. They have to have one or two gentlemen there to assist about stuffing & tacking the cushions. It is very hard work - tying the twine - the Cadies wrap rags round all their fingers. and Samuel wore the skin off of his. They are really doing a great work. The Spire of the Church is almost finished - the Whole will probably be completed by July. Tell Isaac there was an inquiry meeting at the Small Society in connection with the Church Prayer meeting last monday evening, which Mr. Harlow attended. I hardly see what Prof. Shepard could say to him. His is a very singular case. Yesterday Samuel engaged some Shade trees, and several varieties of fruit trees & Shrubbery for our garden. We have very warm pleasant weather. I hope it will continue through next month. We shall do our best to fix Mother off for varying by and by. I should admire to go with her & visit your own dear Lumberton Hills, but that, I suppose is out of the question, whether she does or not. How I have filled my sheet with nothings! With much love, Sister Lucy.

Bangor May 5th 1853

Isaac & Ellie

Yesterday was my birth day, and what do you suppose I received for a present, A fine healthy boy weighing 9 lbs who we received a fine gift. Lucy is quite comfortable this morning, Help us all to be thankfull, God is good and Merciful, let him be praised

L. W. Farber

1853

Samuel, Bangor May 3

Du Quoin, Ills. May 19 53

{Birth of son}

Samuel, Lewis 1, 6-3, Bangor

Da Livia Ll. Lewis 18, 1853

Bangor June 1st 1853

Dear Brother & Sister

We Rec'd letters from Brownville from Anna & Mother last night, Our Dear Lucy A. Searles is gone The Savior has taken her to his Fathers House, One of the purest of Earth has passed away. Gone like a Morning Cloud, full of light. How happy for us that we can feel from our hearts that she has suffered no loss. hers is gain, infinite gain. She [redacted] with typhus fever soon after coming h[redacted] from Foxcroft about two weeks since. The first we knew of her sickness was last week when Charles was down. Anna went up with him Thursday. Mother went up by stage Monday got to Almeda's just to see her pass away She died Monday Eve at 10 Oclock How little prepared were we to have her go

We have rec'd a number of Good letters from you ~~lately~~ for which accept our hearty thanks. Lucy is as well perhaps as we can expect not able to walk much yet. the boy is doing finely. Eliab started last Thursday for the western part of Penn. to look at some timber land and mill privileges which we think some of purchasing of which I will write you more soon

Much Love

S. W. L.

P. S. Metcalf
De Soin
Perry Co
Illinois

Lucy A. Bangor June 12, 1853

Du Quoin, July 5. 1853.

Bangor June 12 - 1853.

It is Sabbath day - bright, warm and still - not a sound, save the occasional buzzing of a fly, to be heard. Samuel and Jane have gone to meeting, Mrs. Griffith is up stairs, baby asleep on the lounge, — just at this juncture master "D. P." waked up and demanded a luncheon, so my pen was laid aside, he is now laid back where he was before, kicking and fisting vigorously, his great eyes gazing about full of wonderment at the strange things they would. Now his father has come from meeting & taken him — one hearing prefers a companion how together, mostly carried on by the father however, with an occasional "ah" from baby. He is six weeks old tomorrow - a darling little fellow. I shall be excusable I suppose if my first letter is full of baby. He is called quite a "forward baby for his age. holds his head up so straight, [illegible], & looks people countenances attentively, looks about him quite intelligently and above all eats most voraciously. He has considerable soft brown hair

his eyes are at present a very deep blue - various opinions are expressed as to what color they will eventually be. "In Short" he is the baby and I suppose is thought as much of as most babies are, and perhaps more than will be for his future good. While I was finishing my dinner, Samuel wrote the last sentence, whereupon I will testify that this "wonderfullest baby" is in as much danger of being spoilt by him as by anybody I know of. Seriously I hope we feel thankful for our ~~one~~ as well as treasure, but O, the responsibility of training and guiding an immortal mind! How incapable I feel myself for doing my part aright. May Infinite Wisdom direct us that we may train up for Him the little one that God has given us. Your letter to Mother was received yesterday. I thank you much for the few lines of love and congratulation to me especially. But how soon after rejoicing with Elijah and with me in our joy, you are, ~~we all are~~, called to sympathize with Adelaide in her great sorrow, - and yet, how must joy and thankfulness be mingled with her grief. Dear little Lucy with her pleasant smile and loving heart has gone; but we must rather rejoice than repine, for we cannot doubt that she has gone to her Savior. I presume that Mother, Anna

r Almeda have written the particulars in regard to her sickness. The text of her Journal was "Is it well with thee - is it well with thy husband - is it well with the child?" Samuel put his death in the paper with the passage, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." I think the term "pure hearted" would apply to her as well as to any one I know of - It is a very severe blow to Almeda, she has depended so much upon Lucy since James died - for years she has been a companion for her mother, you know. Mother said Mr. Rider seemed to feel it as much as if she were an own child. Mother went from here sooner than she intended because of Lucy's sickness. She and Anna will probably stay at Brownville 2 Weeks until the middle of Aug. or Thereabouts, and then I hope start together, Mother for Mass. (and N. H. if I can prevail upon her to do so) and Anna to Chicago. I suppose Elijah keeps you advised respecting his affairs. Marion was much pleased with your Letter, Nettie. It was darling good - just right - and it was very kind and good of you to write it. Elijah was away when it was received, as I mentioned writing you - She mentions his return before it was written - he came day before yesterday,

and you will probably hear from them before long. Elijah made no purchase in Pennsylvania. We like Marion better and more day by day. She has been with me a good deal during Eli. ab's absence. She "knows what's what" perfectly. has everything just so, is a very complete little body (little, I say, for she never weighed more than ninety seven pounds) and withal loving & kind and good, one of the dearly loved sisterhood. I wish you could both be acquainted with her personally. She is a famous hand to take care of Percie. had almost the whole care of her youngest brother when an infant, & understands the whole category of baby talk, baby ways &c. &c. I am getting along finely. have walked across the room one or more times every day for some days. have not been out to ride yet, but hope to in a few days. I am so glad I do not have to resort to the bottle for the baby as Albina does.

This is a strangely jumbled up letter. I cannot tell you how many times I have left it since I began. The season here is unusually forward. The grass & foliage has a brilliancy and freshness which we do not see every year. The Cattle Corydalis is now in bloom, it is so pretty & so odd. "Dutchman's

is a large hall painted over the dining room gallery which is so perfect that people can hardly believe it is not finished with wood.

We have just Theodore and Sarah this month. His nice new buildings, entirely finished, painted & papered from garret to cellar were burnt a few weeks since. This delayed his journey some weeks, & may possibly prevent his coming at all. But we must not in any case mar his journey with perplexations on their account. Father has been sick, or at least unable to work for some time, with a sore on his leg. has been at St. Paul some time under the care of a physician there. He thinks of coming East for medical advice if it is not better soon. Mrs. Griffith, whom I hope to be able to keep through the summer, is a married woman about my age. a very capable kind, pious woman. member of Brownville Church. her husband a Welch man in Carriage trade. She asks $1.50 per week, but it is better on us to pay that than to have poor help. Samuel keeps a horse and comes home to dinner this summer. If he can & some time, I will get him to ride out with me. I trust it is right, Isaac, for you to have so much labor now when you have so much care & business during the week.

Lucy & Samuel
Bangor June 20/53

Dubuque, July 9. 185[illegible] Bangor June 20. 1853

And so, dear Nettie, a "birdie" has flown into your nest. Very, very glad and thankful am I for you both. Hope it will be as much comfort as one dear one is, and Lois fair to be, too. I suppose it is a black bird as it was "born in Egypt". Is it, Isaac?

We rec'd the letter containing the important tidings Saturday - yesterday my head ached too much to write, and this morning I hasten to scribble my hearty congratulations before my little warbler sends forth his notes demanding attention. The news, making glad all hearts save two, reaches Bangor today - Mother is at Hannah's spending a few days, but will doubtless hear of it soon - besides, I shall write to her Wednesday - Jane started this morning by stage for Dixfield - She refused to mind Mrs. Griffith, or he at all governed by her, and he could not get along very well - She is to stay at Ebenezer's for the present - Mr. Upham's domestic affairs - Mother - She knows no...

times I use to live. I am glad to hear that Nellie was so smart. wish I could say the same of myself. Though I do not yet despair of being somebody again some time. I do not feel very strong. cannot walk much, but am gaining. The great little P. P., weighing 11½ pounds a week ago, takes considerable strength. He is very good nights, which is a great favor. I want very much to hear from Nellie again. how I wish she had Mother or Sister with her. I am sure the people ought to be kind to her. I have been thinking that the little Rucker cousin would rejoice in the name of Jennings! You did not once write how you liked our baby's name. He[illegible] wonderfully vehemently by and I must cease writing to put some thing in his bill.

Well. Rev. William Goodell preached three times in Bangor yesterday on the state of Turkey & other eastern countries thirty years since, when he first went there, and the condition of the same country is now. &c. &c. The church is to be dedicated a week from...

[illegible] Wednesday. Eliza has made Mother and Samuel has made me, like me [illegible] the Maine Ship. Society. I hope Samuel will finish this - In expectation dear

Sister Lucy.

I do not know that I owe you congratulations but you will please to receive them and place them to my account which I presume you will some time remember to balance, & by you will find much comfort as well as care in your young sucker as I presume he is. really we are very glad for you and rejoice with you in your joy

Samuel

Dear Brother & Sister

Bangor July 17. 1853.

While the darling sleeps I will try to write a little of a letter to know why we do not have one from you. The last we see or was dated the 13th of June, more than a month since - we have been anxiously expecting one for many days. Are you sick Nettie, in this hot weather, and I scarce away, or are you both so glad and happy with your wee one that you cannot send your thoughts away so far as Maine? Hardly to blame if that be the case. "A babe in a house is a well spring of joy." Anna read all that good chapter two the next Sabbath after our little one was given to us. Really we begin to feel anxious about you - I do hope to hear soon, and that you are all well. I am afraid if not actually sick, you are both suffering much from hot weather. I suppose we shall be obliged to do without a letter more than we have done, for I know by experience that Nettie cannot find time now & then as formerly, and Lauren

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me knows has little business more than he will want
to look at his baby. How much I want to see
the darling. Have you given him a name yet?
Does he continue "to look like his father & have a
disposition like his Mother?" Don't you teeth
more comfortable than ever you did in your lives
before? Little P. P. is just as good as baby
can be. eleven weeks old last night, & weighs
almost fifteen pounds - a big, fat, bright eyed
good natured baby, beginning to laugh and
spring famously. We did think of going to
Paris with him tomorrow, but have decided to
wait till Monday, as we are daily expecting
Caroline & Sarah - they are somewhere in Iowa
or N. Y. now. Last Saturday came a letter from
Chicago saying that the new school house which
was building for Anna & Lizzie was burnt up.
But they are invited to come on as they intended,
and remain free of expense as Mr. Carpenter's
title and their building can be obtained - I am very
anxious to hear from Anna - (hope to tonight)
I know what she will do. Lizzie is anxious to
go right on - Anna has recently received two
pressing, urgent letters from Mrs. Hopkins
with whom she was associated at Racine, to

come immediately and spend a few weeks with her at Elyria (I believe there is the name Ohio. Was very urgent for her to attend the day after receiving her letter if possible. not to be over anxious, but I trust her - it would not be best for her to know more at present, but to trust her as a friend and come quickly. What it all means we can none of us imagine, Elijah thinks she is not sane, and her letters certainly read as if she was "in a twitter" about something. Perhaps Anna has written you all about it and everything else there is interesting. I don't get much time to write and when I do scribble so fast, it can hardly be read. My head has troubled me most all the time since I came down stairs - a.chas night and day. I cannot read or write much. Baby is very good, but any babe requires a good deal of attention, so you are doubtless aware by this time. My health with the above exception, is excellent. I walk all about the house - have had a nice dish stews made and went to church half of sabbath before last. Hope to go part of next every sabbath. We have got into the new church. Elijah and

Lizzie & Grace is the picture many thanks. Have you read Elsie's letter. Think Mrs. Lowell is very good. Think Mrs. Lowell is very good.

Bangor, Aug 2 1853 Lucy Forbes
Dubuque Ills. Aug. 18[illegible]

We have a few visitors. Margaret Crosby is very feeble - failing rapidly, I fear. You will never see her at Illinois. Dr. Fine Runs says there is no hope for her; that one lung is entirely gone. He says she has kept up so long, she will probably fail rapidly now. We shall try to go down there tomorrow, but I don't know. We send our sympathy to her poor father & Mother. She has been almost an idol in the family. We do Francis quite well - she is a good little creature. I called on them once. I send you sundry items which may interest you. I think I have heard you speak of Greenough. C. P. Roberts gets punished occasionally, not undeservedly, I fancy. What think you of the advertisement? I will send if I can get it, the Spiritual experience of Revd John C. Williams - you may be the more interested in him, as he is a brother Engineer! How ridiculously wicked! I went to the masonic Hall to see the Science turns the other day. Mrs. J. C. Richards (formerly Miss Fanny Eggery) who was associated with Miss Beecher in her unsuccessful attempt at Burlington, Iowa, died very suddenly last week. She was a particular friend of Anna's. I have come to the end of my sheet & if I take another, I will not have room for my bits &

Recd. Bangor Sept 8. 1853
Ans. Bangor Sept 20. 1853

Bangor Sept. 8 - 1853.

Dear Sister Nettie

I have been trying for many days to find time to write to you in answer to your kind and good letter received the night before Mother and Anna went away. These little "barbarians" will take the time and strength, as you doubtless know as well as I do. By the way I am very sorry that Isaac is so much disappointed in his hopeful son; I can only refer him for consolation to the 2nd Chapter of Proverbial Philosophy, which if I mistake not is a favorite book with him. "Expect disappointments, and look for pain; for he is an evil stock and will grieve thee." Seriously, though I am glad to hear so good an account of the little "Jolly". How I do wish I could see him. Wish you had named him La Coigne, for oddity's sake, though I like Mayo well. Mother & Anna, Eliab & Marion left Bangor, the 25th of Aug. Eliab returned the following Monday. Marion has been visiting her friends in Eastern Maine - is expected next

from you - She is very sad. Poor Mary! ever sad! Lovely in her sadness! I wish I could see her! I wish you could see Anna! She is much improved in looks & manners. Tell Isaac to write me. (Mrs. G. has invited me to E. Edmunds, but I do not like the idea of visiting strangers.)

Saturday. I have had letters from Mother dated at Northfield and from Anna at Elgin. Both seemed to be enjoying themselves finely. Anna was expecting letters from Chicago which would determine her future course. I wish so many accounts she could spend the winter with you. How pleasant it would be for all of you how much we all enjoyed last winter with dear Lu. Theodore and Sarah started the next day after they left. The first of the week following their departure Mr. Seward & wife came from Brown ville to attend commencement - were here two days - so I was prevented from feeling quite so lonely as I should otherwise have done. The house seemed so empty after all were gone - you cannot think. I attended none of the Commencement exercises except President Hitchcock's address before the Rhetorical Society, which was most excellent. Also Wednesday evening we went to the Alumni meeting at the Seminary, and stayed about an hour - much crowded, every body there - sandwiches, speeches, singing &c. &c. was introduced to Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot, Maine who is the author of the darling little piece "Don't Sir was Alex

under. Pa.D. He is a very witty man, one of the first graduating class - has a son now in the Seminary - said he had been in Milwaukee many years ago. I was particularly interested in Mr. Hitchcock's address because we were just reading his religion of Geology, which Sarah presented to Samuel. He had of course a good deal of Geology intermingled with his address. Since then Mr. Wallace, one of the students, a little Scotchman, recently from the old country brought me his four sermons on the seasons, also full of geology. but very interesting - His ideas on the resurrection are singular - you have probably read them. Mr. Linn, from your place took tea here a few days since - he brought a letter from you - Theodore was acquainted with him - had lived in Linn - married Mr. Lyford's sister - they did not esteem him very highly. He will probably call here on his way back. Little Lizzie came from Brownville last week - she is attending the Intermediate school - a little wee thing she is for ten years old. Lizzie Lee was married in Boston by Mr. Pomroy to Charles

Thursday the 2nd instant - rather a sudden affair
They are going to live here. Sarah Furber gave
me a pretty copy of Mrs. Sigourney's Poems -
and got baby a beautiful pap spoon with his
name and her own on it. He was four months
old last Friday and weighed eighteen pounds -
a great heavy fellow to handle about. We
did intend to have him christened last Sab-
bath but Mr. Shepard was absent - shall
carry him as soon as he returns. He is a
great frolicker - laughs out loud a good
deal - cries for the tea-cup when I have done
feeding him with catnip tea: I have got a
little willow chaise for him, with two wheels -
light and easy - Lizzie wheels him about a
good deal - Mother charged me to write to
you not to draw your baby out doors, or any-
where except in a very smooth place till he
can sit up. She says it injures them to be jolted
when lying down. I don't draw mine out
doors at all yet. I have written just as fast
as I could spin - don't hardly know what I
have said & what not. Ought to be making a
fire for Liz this moment - Mrs. Griffith has
gone - I leave now Isabel Frost, William Frost

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I had just completed my letter when Samuel came to dinner & delighted and surprised me with a nice letter from you Isaac - seemed like good old times - a whole letter from Isaac all to myself & more the less acceptable surely, however, are they when dear Nettie writes a part. As for my remissness in writing, I "have done what I could" I really think. Please to bear in mind that an unremitting severe headache for nearly three months prevented me from writing, reading or sewing, or taking much comfort in any way - then, my visit to Milo and since then constant company with changing help and cares of baby have kept my time energies and strength fully taxed. About three weeks since I sent for a Homeopathic Physician at the request of Frances Lottes, who cured my head...

entirely with two little powders - have'nt had a bit of ache since! Mrs. Hopkins Cries at Elyria. I presume Annie has written you from Elyria before now. Little Mr. Percie enjoys riding exceedingly - unlike his sucker cousin, he never thinks of closing his eyes, unless he rides a great distance - just as wide awake as he can be from here to Mr. Crosby's, ~~four~~ miles. His father says, tell him he can beat the sucker cousin at anything he takes a mind to undertake - he has just been asking him to make his mark! I could tell the cause of my head pain - both Physicians thought it of a nervous character the same irritation which has been in my system, only in a different form - & aggravated by nursing - I feared one while I should have to wean the baby. We have had some excessively hot weather lately. I think it is enough to make me's head ache pretty hard to think about weaning up a baby. In great haste - Samuel waiting - much love and many kisses for wife and baby. Lucy.

Lucy - Bangor Sept 22 - 1853

Dubuque Oct. 6, 1853

Bangor Sept. 24 - 1853.

Dear Brother & Sister

With my little springing jumping ... trying at the desk trying to write, because I could not, to let you know what you think of the news from Glynnia, which you have undoubtedly received before now. For my own part, I am so astonished I don't know what to say - I jumped up and down in spite of my infinities! Just think of it - what a quick termination of Anna's and Lizzie's arrangements to start springing to Chicago to teach - a couple of fair lovers - both married and settled in life in the course of three weeks. Both matches of unpremeditated, sudden matches. I do hope they will prove happy ones. The framing of the Post-boat - Rowan, Mrs. Hopkins' urgent invitation, and all together, it seems to me we must have an as all directed by the hand of Providence. For my part, I am so delighted I scarcely know what to do with myself. I am so glad for Rowan - and also truly glad for you. That the town is filled to Allmouth. Though I am sorry to lose Anna

they would come to Maine, we certainly are not selfish enough to regret that you have the pleasure instead. But isn't it so queer" and so good from her description of the gentleman he must be a man worth having - but you have lost your good writer's visit - I would be sorry for you - if I was not so glad for dear Mary I can't be sorry for any. Lizzie - we didn't write to Mr. Adams in our last letter - Mamma and I imagined it out. "Felix exiles!" "De Witt" is quite a surname. Lizzie De Witt is boarding at Mr. Simon Pearson's, quite near Elsie's boarding place - She and her husband are both quite exquisite in their tastes - their rooms are fitted out beautifully - & are full of pretty ornaments, pictures &c. &c. - & very fine taste - Baby & I spent the day with Mamie Ray, before yesterday - Lennie came to dinner - Lizzie called and staid an hour or two - I enjoyed Thursday some - Mamie wishes to have Fan come down here but we don't know whether we can let her or not - she will be certainly in her way, however I dare say & Elsie will be very many times, as they probably will be - Samuel is sending supplies into the woods preparatory to another winter's operations. We have

just had quite a rain. Samuel did not get enough
to bring down his logs, but he thinks not; he says
there was scarcely ever such a season known
before — no rise of water from June till Sept.
Logs are so high, that his business will not prob-
ably prove so profitable this year as last. I have
had two letters from Hattie — she is deliber-
ating about going to St. Le. It seems hard to
her to go alone. I know if she had some body
to go with her she would go. Did I tell you in
my last that Father Sawyer — 78 years old —
preached one evening not long since, an hour
and twenty five minutes! his hearers were
weary if he was not. Our little P. P. Percie
progresses finely — as great a hand for a frolic
as you ever saw — he begins to show considerable
understanding of matters & things, especially
when we play with him — he loves play things
and throws them about at a great rate — and
Hamish dits alone. would before now if I had
strength & luck to work over him & teach
him how. I will put in a bit of his hair — see
if it is not very like in color to your baby's.
By the way, we all regret that you did not
decide upon Dr Lewis for his name — I really

wish you would now. My health is excellent - I gain strength constantly, and can walk better than in nearly three years before - I do not walk out much, for whenever I can I am busy. I get too tired, but think I shall go on well if not into some of the neighbors: Homeopathy entirely cured my head! I am very glad to hear that you are gaining strength, Nettie, but I am sorry that you will get the ague and fever again. Do use every precaution, both of you, against it. How I wish you could come east a few weeks & enjoy our cool, bracing, delightful weather. Little Lizzie is here - a nice little girl. only she wants to read, read, read, the whole continual time - I can't think it is good for her. I hope you write often to her mother - she is very sad and lonely. My baby grows so fast, Nettie, that I have hard work to keep him in clothes! Am just making him some new shirts, and shall be obliged to put on a wider sleeve sooner than I care to because he is outgrowing his others. How much we want to see you. We have wanted you both to visit us and talk & wonder about it more. Indeed, what shall we do with the books? It is really interesting, & ought to be furnished you, for our own comfort, if nothing else. I

1853

Lucy Bangor Oct-15-
Dudnoin, Nov. 3. 1853

Bangor Oct. 15 - 18 53.

Your ... your letter
... you ... Lucy
when ..." was ... ... days since;
... ... day to write, but "time is
always short." ... a ... time. I am now busying to make ... flannel dresses, the autumn winds are blowing and he must ... Mother came ... night ago ... to this ... to ... She ... a help ... while ... I think she will ... back ... because ... Lizzie is dressing ... on the ... ... this. He is ... but yet ... ... He frequently plays ... with a ... Lizzie, ... talking ... seemingly, as ...

Can Thinks like mine it makes most [illegible]
is fitting it a sort of guttural grunt continued
as long as he can hold his breath. He has two
cunning little teeth, & others almost through.
He was Rhs-silence a fortnight ago tomorrow-
& was just as good as baby could be. At five
months he weighed [illegible] - he's
[illegible] - His eyes
is a little distance [illegible] little black, but
[illegible] dear a reddish grey. Samuel and
I went to a Musical Conc[illegible] last evening
[illegible] Time [illegible] - [illegible]
I wished [illegible] - you could [illegible]. I do so want
to see your little (& Cousin, I could tell) Rhan
I can [illegible]. You will have repre-
mer, but if you do not you will all regret
the [illegible] - it would [illegible] long. Lizzie
is a dear good little Thing - [illegible]
She is not [illegible] - I do think [illegible]
young [illegible] - I will hold up [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - Strange news
from Bath - Thomas [illegible] the news
of Alexina, her [illegible] & [illegible]
in his last [illegible] belonging to [illegible]
heart & there she [illegible] - She Sr.

[illegible] indeed - he is so shocked, literally [illegible] I don't [illegible] spare or try to shield his own wife, if he thought he [illegible] - he is [illegible] ...ll as he is able. I want to hear the [illegible] I do not yet believe but there will become ... reason to clear her - it is so dreadful for the children. I suppose you have had your good visit from Mr. and Mrs. de [illegible] E. [illegible] - I am in great haste to hear ... opinion of the man and everything about it. ... ? — Can [illegible] ... is [illegible] - Cuyler? We have not yet found out his ... only the initial, E. I expect it is Ebenezer, Ezekiel, Elijah, Eldad, or some such name, Susan has been pretty severely disciplined in ... ways, and I do enjoy the [illegible] ... [illegible] ... Poetry & [illegible] ... But - I can ... to wonder at the time events have taken.

Marion and Elsie are coming here to ... as soon as the river closes. She is a real good sister - we love her much - She comes quite often to see me - we are anticipating nine times this winter, only. Samuel will be away a good deal, and Elsie too, some, I expect - I hope ...

Bangor Nov. 11 1853

Dear Brother & Sister

I cannot possibly tell whether I have written since receiving your last letter or not. If I have not, I thought a good deal about it, intended to, and finally thought I had, and so put it out of my mind, or rather let it pass out, for a few days. Not that you are out of my mind so long at a time, by any means, though.

It is now before breakfast, long before 6 o'clock and later than we usually breakfast, for Samuel was out on his police duties till two o'clock last night, and he sleeps late. The little fellow is in his carriage at play, Isabel waiting for the girls to be ready for breakfast, and I am improving the few spare minutes. Samuel and his brother went down to King's to the square at the foot of State street, near a house of a man growing, and got

Nellie? I don't know. But it's not. But it's not. But it's not. But it's not.

vegetable ... in, yesterday, dinner, lying in the gutter in the road paving stones at the corner of Broadway & State Streets. They got him up, quite chilled, helped him over to the watch house, made a fire, warmed him, found out who he was. and took him to the Watch house to lodge. This was about twelve o'clock. His name was Whitney, from Troy. The Serjt at the Watch house knew him & was greatly surprised to see him in such a state. The man appeared much ashamed, said he had not been so before for ten years.

It is almost no -- I have supt and put in order the sitting room, "Burn to the dinner", taken care of my vegetable plants and my "Chinese plant". The latter has had his nap, and now sits upon the floor with his little red flannel dress, while Eunice upon and big eyes, making havoc with his box of playthings. Crowing, laughing, squealing & grunting by turns as the fit takes him - he is a great hand to laugh out loud. Louis is fretful & cross. To my partial eye, he is really quite a fine looking little boy! I don't feel

a bit ashamed of him - don't believe I should
recall his "darker cousin"! Should'nt we all
love to see them together? You wish, Nettie,
that you were nearer your Mother, that she
might teach and assist you in training the
little one - I truly wish you could be, more
over, that the comfort of your Mother and
homely Home might be yours, for
I imagine Mary Ann and Jennie will not
with especial success in governing him;
though truly, I suspect we neither of us
know much about the matter yet. Jessie
has shown his "Adamic nature" a little once or
twice - we have begun to govern him so much
as to have him sit still & go to sleep, &
sing to them he wakes in the evening. He is
very good about it - never cries much but
a few moments, and then cyp. multi "more
in sorrow than in anger." I don't know who
has heavenly wisdom if a parent does not,
and we have the comfort of knowing that it will
be freely given if we ask it in humble
faith. I want Mother to write me

Lucy. Bangor Nov. 11. 1853.
Dubuque. Nov. 26, 1853.

[illegible] co. I stay [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] is [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Bangor. Lucy. Nov 22, 1853

Du Quoin Dec 3-1853

Bangor Nov. 22 - 1853.

Very dear Sister & Brother

Another good letter from you jointly, arrived yesterday, making the second since I have written, though I sent one but a few days since, the very day I think before receiving your first. In that you mention not having received any letters from Bangor for six weeks, & not knowing whether Mother was in Bangor or not. I cannot understand it - some letter must have been lost I wrote immediately after Mother arrived here from Camp, and again as soon as she left here for Hillsdale, stating those facts. Then I have certainly written as many as two letters since. Mr. Crosby & folks have not had letters from him for five or six weeks. Sir, how glad they want him with them now! They are leaving Bangor, the 5, and he alone, has gone. He did say he

yesterday - to-day - to-morrow, very fine. Gatty and Eva, She suffered very much for the last few weeks, but was so sweetly patient, and thankful for everything that was done for her - wonderful how many people were so kind to her. Now I scarcely know how her parents will bear up under this heavy blow. Everybody seemed to love Margaret. We shall go down this afternoon to the funeral. I have to write a few letters that ought to be written before noon, besides ever so much else to do, so you will excuse me if I write hastily, as I am sorry to say I usually am.

I am delighted to hear such favorable accounts of the little "Pickaninny". I don't care if all the women covet him, provided his parents are able to resist every temptation to part with him for a fortnight. In regard to the cousins looking alike, Nellie, I fancy not, if yours is anything like mine, in small features &c. Lucie has not large features about anything - but is a very boy in his looks, as you saw - his whole face, form of the head

and neck show him to be a baby boy. I was never asked, "Is it a boy or a girl?" He has a bride make, earnest, inquiring expression of countenance, and yet very placid, particularly his eye, which is quite a large, dark, young slender. His head is very large above his eyes and ears, full & high in front & projecting behind. In short he is a most wonderful perfect little baby boy. What more is there in him? You know it is said there are but few perfect things in the world, and mine is the first baby. As to baby's dress - Isaac, you need not trouble yourself because she makes many & various notions - She can't help it. Their name is "legion", is it not Nellie? Why when my baby wore white I had to allow a clean dress every day, and sometimes more - now, two aprons in a day - he does not spend so throw up milk so much as a while ago, so I can keep his dresses sweet, and flannel does not show dirt like white. He wore loose slips (with a little cross way yoke above - so much wider, finished at the

[illegible] you have done now? I keep this
[illegible] under the dress to protect his flannel,
[illegible] shows outside. Does your father — (I wish
you would really [illegible] me name, tell me
[illegible] wear socks? Pattie made
[illegible] pr of [illegible] Which
[illegible] — I am [illegible] with flannel.
[illegible] pr of [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible] of [illegible] them up mail
to you. But, Pattie, stay with you again
[illegible] strength — [illegible] time; I suppose your
[illegible] debilitating [illegible] — par-
[illegible] some reason on the side of Mr. Eng.
[illegible] keeps you [illegible], might you not
swear the lake. It would be hard, I know,
but I [illegible] do it for my headache
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] pa [illegible] just as I did.
Really I think you [illegible] the strengthen
[illegible] in some way, and not try to keep [illegible]
[illegible]. Although it was [illegible] principles
[illegible] and practice [illegible] pain, disease
or weakness, I [illegible] not [illegible]

your disappointment in not seeing Wm. and Mrs. Elijah. So writ. However if the only pleasure is in anticipation, you did not lose the whole. I hope you will come East next Spring without fail, & if so Elgin or you may take them with you for company. Anna seems very happy, enjoying her letter, particularly in the love of her little daughter. In her last (to Mattie) she gave a particular description of her home. It must be a very pleasant place. The desired daguerreotypes have arrived. He is a fine looking man - rather grave - but you know daguerreotypes are usually [illegible] there is natural. O, I do so want to see her! and Brother Elijah, too! I hope you write to Almeda as often as you can - she is very sad. Death is [illegible] more [illegible] to us realize how great the loss is to her. She needs the loving sympathy which Lucy was ever so ready to give, & which Almeda had to rely upon so much. Lizzie is very [illegible] another [illegible] through the winter or not. She is

in better health than a while ago - it is now Thanksgiving vacation - a week and a half - in which time she will get fairly recruited.

[illegible] said it would be naughty, & Elizabeth have nothing to do with persuading Charles away from his family. Mother was a little as if C. thought of going. I think C. and M. are rather getting off the notion of going. The journey would be expensive, inconvenient and fatiguing for Marian at this [illegible], and equally so coming in the Spring. Baby sits on the floor, his face bent down on his two hands which are stretched out before him, quite in the dog fashion. He seems to keep tipping over as if he intended to creep ere long. He learned himself to sit alone - I never took any pains with him, kept him sitting in his carriage mostly, till one morning I chanced to set him on the floor and there he sat upright [illegible] all the forenoon. "What is the reason of your neuralgia, Isaac? Why don't you cure it at once?" "It is sinful, besides being foolish to hear pain! It never do." As for

the difference is it - it is not written as you speak of - only written by me, reading, revising, erasing, expunging &c, & then it is right, suitable, fit to, and as it should be printed. In its own unpolished state, it reads pretty well, I think - perhaps - I am prejudiced - & really wish you could see, read & pass judgment upon it - I think it a pity to have so much fuss over it! Anna says it - & wish we would send it to you. How much - wish, Hattie, that you & Lizzie could step in occasionally and see us all. S. and Th. Egbert & thanks. Giving dinner - several other gentlemen & ladies were invited but did not make their appearance. Hattie says she knows she ought to write to you, but it is so hard to write to one who has never answered - It is time for me to be getting ready to go to Hampden - what a big pile of nothing I have written & how fast I have written it - You ought to write often, I am sure, when you use such little sheets of paper -

Most affectionately

Lizzie Lee

Lizzie Lee (Mrs. Fitz Lee) has been quite ill - & writes of it

Lucy, Bangor Dec, 16, 1853.

Dunbarton, Jan, 8 1853, Bangor Dec. 18 1852.

Very dear Brother

Your good eight
paged letter of Nov. 14 came to hand
some days since. I thank you both very
much, and hasten to assure you that
I am willing it [illegible] you, thought I anticipate
in the commencement of writing rather to
[illegible] or so long a one to go. Of course,
I must have so much interesting matter
in communication as you have these months
[illegible]. We have had no snow (except a little
once or twice which melted almost as fast
as it came) until within a week, and ploughing
[illegible] weather almost all the time. Some
farmers have had the fields completely done
[illegible] others are obliged to shovel their lands out
of the woods. Samuel would have been glad
to do the same by now if this cold weather
had come sooner. He will write
again all about his affairs so soon as
he can find time. You can not be more
[illegible] than I am [illegible] by [illegible] of news from

day and evening for many weeks. Last week he started for the first time to go into the woods, got as far as Mattawamkeag where he met Mr. Bradeen coming out with the bodies of two of the men who were drowned while going from one camp to another, seeking their own pleasure Saturday night. Samuel returned with them, and has now gone up Mile way, hoping the lakes are frozen so that he can start supply teams in by "the widders"; as the cattle will soon be ready here to be put on Chesuncook before the ice breaks there.

Elijah went to Bangor a week ago ~~Tuesday~~ Last Wednesday - we have not yet heard from him - Our good Thurston came down Sunday, to our great delight and comfort - It is very lonely here now Samuel & Elijah are both away. Samuel will not be gone so much as usual this winter. Pinkie's colt is dead at last - It is a mercy for him, is it not. Alice is mine and well - does her work with the help of Marian Ricker who goes to school. I am hoping to go to Brighton and Brownville next time Samuel

yours. Edmund does not write very often
there seems a great deal of work to do. I am
very glad you feel so much more pleas-
antly situated here at Jonesboro; though
I am sorry for it. Both that I should
be away so much - it does not seem hard
to right, does it Nettie to have our "lucky"
go off and leave us so much - certainly it is
not agreeable - though we have both so many
comforts and blessings that we ought not
to complain - & that determination. Mr. Ste-
ber called a few days since, he seems much
pleased about William. We have read
"Ride, ride, ride". It is truly a dear book.
Emmet brought recently "Thoreau's Joys
of Nature to her foster child the soul of man".
It is so very good, I hope you will have
an opportunity to read it if you have not
already. It is full of sweet and great
thoughts. Mother says you complain
justly that I do not write enough about
my own health - I like new it is such a
sad story that I forget it. I have not been
so well since we moved as before - though
quite comfortable and able to do considerable

able about round most of the time. I have
been to Church but once since you went
from here. I went one evening with Sam
to see the "Seven mile mirror" - truly well
worth seeing - the view of the "thousand
isles" alone would have well repaid me
for the trouble and fatigue. Sarah Harlow
is engaged to Mr. Marsh, one of the Students.
Prof. Shepards excellent thanksgiving ser-
mon upon Maine is to be published. We
shall send you a copy. His text was "the
lines are fallen to us in pleasent places &c."
I am sorry Samuel is not at home, Isaac,
to write what you wish about timber,
steam power &c. He will do it soon after
he returns. Lizzie Doe has just hopped in
from Glenburn to spend the Sabbath. So
I will send this sight alone, as Jane is
going down to the office tonight. It is
fine cold weather tonight. Samuel is going
to have a horse and a real sleigh down
here this winter, so I expect to be a
good deal riding when he is at home.
I am feeble and will [illegible] be glad
to hear from you.

Yours &c.

[illegible]

Bangor Dec. 17 – 1893 –

It is Saturday evening. The dear husband is away for a week – his first trip in the woods – My little bird has hushed his song & lies quietly with closed peepers; Elsie and Hallie are in their room – Hallie says Saturday instead of Sabbath evening – Lizzie & Isabel are in bed and I am left alone with a nice bright fire and my own thoughts for company. Ha! Hallie's little canary has waked up & is hopping round his cage making such a racket that I fear he will wake little Percie. The fire lights the room so much I guess he thinks 'tis morning.

Don't I wish I could just step in and spend an hour with you? I wonder if Laacie is away & you alone with baby! Or are you all three together having a dear good time? I hope 'tis the latter. Some good letter, written on three little sheets,

Dec. 17th. I began this yesterday but was interrupted & could not finish. Please excuse. Mar says she wishes Lucy a happy birthday for her. Mar does not know how to write again yet. Lizzie is very busy sketching. Isabel is very much pleased with her Saturday night. Affectionately, Nellie

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I received two or three days since. What is the reason that you have such a "great deal of resting" to do? Why don't you get strong? It will never do - if that Climate is so debilitating and enervating you must leave it. Where in the world don't Isaac preach over some of his old sermons to you? Really, though it is no laughing matter - can't you do something, or take some tonic? I have derived benefit (and so has Mattie) from what we call cinnamon cordial - It is very palatable & strengthening - I make it often. Dissolve a quantity of gum arabic in hot water. Have it as thick as is pleasant to drink - put considerable loaf sugar to it & cinnamon enough to flavor it nicely, then add a little wine or brandy to make it keep well, & to take off the flat taste of the gum arabic. Bottle it up and take a swallow or more, whenever you feel like it. I wish you would try it. It cannot hurt you if it does no good.

I suppose Charles has arrived at Lenoir before now - we are depending upon him

to judge impartially in regard to the good looks & good behavior of the rival babies!
Percie was quite ill two or three days last week - we were up with him considerable two nights - the first time since he was a week old. He seems perfectly well now - had two teeth when five months old & no more yet, though he will soon have, I think. When six months old he weighed as much as little Henry at a year old - Samuel weighed him when at Inilo a few days since. Mother has gone to Brownville this week - is coming here after making Almeda a good visit. She has been really sick lately, though she called it only a bad cold - perhaps she has written to you - She seemed rather low-spirited when she wrote last. Elias & Mat Lie have been here a little more than a fort-night - They seem to enjoy life finely - For your especial consolation, Isaac, I will just mention that Elias holds Mattie in his lap & kisses her with great appa-rent gusto! For which misdeeds, I, of course,

Lucy. Bangor Dec 17. 1853
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feel bound to reprimand him, as I did your sister. The days of yore! We have had most delightful weather for a long time. Like Sept. and Oct— no snow yet, but plenty of mud. Long time ago there was a cold time; the river froze up suddenly & unexpectedly, closing in three steamboats & sixty vessels. Ship owners, merchants &c. quarrelled energetically for a day or two about getting them cut out, when the weather moderated & the ice left for "parts unknown" of its own accord. Though, I believe there was a good deal of cutting done. Hattie says she knows she ought to write, but 'tis so hard to write to those she has never seen. She has had a splendid present — a pin, (mosaic) sent from Rome. Charles will tell you about it. I never knew a person have so many presents before; rich ones, too. I have not been to Mr. Crosby's since the day Margaret was buried — have been waiting for sleighing. Tell William we deeply sympathize with him in the loss of his excellent sister. My love to him. Do please write often.

Elick has recently found the life of Isaac T. Hopper — We do not like it as well as we expected —

Does Carrie write to you? She seems very happy in her new home.

Lidian Lucy Bangor

Jan 20. 1854

Dea Irwin Oct. 4. 1854

Bangor Jan. 20 - 1854 -

Dear Brothers & Sister

I am writing today partly because I feel particularly stupid and unfit to do any thing else; and partly because I have a little unoccupied, or rather unappropriated time, as it is a very stormy afternoon and Elijah is good enough to stay in the house and help take care of Lucia. The poor little fellow has been quite sick yesterday & last night with an attack of croup. He is yet very hoarse, with a wheeze at every breath. The danger is over now, unless he should get more cold. Samuel is away. I would have given everything to have had him at home yesterday, but am glad now to have him spared so much anxiety as he would have felt had he been at home. We were alarmed and sent for Dr. Paine. Dr. Phe. Pierce was out of town & I doubt if we should have sent for him had he been in.

All seemed in favor of Homeopathy excepting myself, and I was quite undecided. The cold water on his throat & stomach, or the medicine, has certainly relieved him. We have had a short letter from you & Elisha and from Charles, since he arrived at St Louis. We are troubled about Nellie's health. Will she not be obliged to come east in order to recover her health? She must do something and get well. It will not do to go on so in that climate. I really wish, Nellie, that you would buy the cordial I wrote about. We all derive benefit from it. Health is worth more than money or veil. needs for both of you. This way off, cold, down east country is best, after all, I think. I do much want to see your little St Croix and as much I wish you could see our little bright eyed Percie with his good natured face — He is so patient and good when sick. Mother came with Sarah a week ago last Saturday — What could I have done without her last night? We expect Almeda when Samuel comes next time, to stay

a few days. Prof. Shepard has been quite sick with Pleurisy fever. E. and I. attend the Mercantile Lectures. Richard H. Dana, Josiah Quincy, Dr. J. C. V. Smith, Mr. Burlingame, Dr. Anderson, Prof. Shepard &c. &c. We have good times here together this winter. Elijah is reading Lord evenings. Mr. Farland's history of Japan, and Nelson's cause & cure of Infidelity - both very interesting books.

We had no snow until January, then the greatest quantity of snow fell in six days ever known to fall here in that length of time. It blew into drifts so much that there was not very good sleighing - considerable bare ground in time then, a great rain storm & thaw which carried the snow almost entirely away - now another warm snow storm. Samuel bought old Nelly of Mrs Gould, but she had the Spavin, so he sold her to Mr. Bumps for 60 dollars less than he gave, and bought Mr. Kinnedys' horse for $150. It is quite a pretty creature & will be gentle with a little training. Were you not really

astonished to get so long a letter from Eli-
ab? I presume you have received it before now.
We tell him he is naughty about writing - and
Hallie says she cannot write to people she
does never know - We were all delighted to
receive your dear news Pa, Isaac, but
wish Nellie's influence over you was sufficient to remove the slouched hat and whiskers. You must be good and submit yourself to her better judgment in regard to some matters. It is most night - I am tired, and baby will mind me - good night all dear ones - Charles do write to me - a good long letter, soon. With much love to all -

Sister Lucy.

Dear Sister
Elisha received today a letter from Isaac dated Dec. 27 - saying that you and Isaac had both been most sick; that Isaac was better, but you not much. This rather alarmed us, for we thought it was still another ill turn, until we compared dates & found we had received letters with an account of the same illness, from you and Isaac, dated Jan. 3rd and 6th. Still we are far from feeling at rest about either of you -

Mother has really been trying to persuade Elisha to write immediately to Isaac for permission to go on to Illinois for the purpose of safely escorting you and "Du Coign" home to New England. Elisha seems very anxious about you. He says you ought to come immediately home to your Mother, and I think so too. Much as we should all want to have you here with us, I do not doubt that it would be better for you to be on those New Hampshire hills, where you were born and bred, for a time until you had in part recovered your health & strength. We are all worried about you. I want you should be packed off to New England forthwith. I am "out of conceit" with that most delightful Illinois climate, and feel very anxious to have you all

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away from it. What is money, what are railroads, what are townships of land, compared with health. It seems to me that you are all losing your health and vigor and strength of constitution, and I wish Isaac would arrange his business so that he can leave, and come away. I think he had better send his wife and boy by express, and follow on himself as soon as he can settle up matters so as to leave. I am quite uneasy to have Chas out there, and want he should without fail start for home before the hot, debilitating summer weather approaches. I do sympathize with you in your sorrow and disappointment at being obliged to wean the baby. I know it was hard for your feelings, though perhaps easier for the little one, than it would be after getting older and more attached to his dinners! I am intending to wean Percie in April. I dread it, both on his account and my own. It's a comfort to nurse him, and he takes so much comfort in it, it seems hard to deprive him of it. He is quite well now. It took him several days to get over his croup - I was so frightened, and Samuel was away too. He is so fat & healthy that I fear he will be subject to such attacks. He has never been out doors enough - It has been unfortunate for him that I have not been able to take him and run out when I pleased. However

we will try to make up all deficiencies in their respect when another summer comes if we live. Won't we have good times with the little darlings when you come? So please to make haste and get here. Mallie is a famous hand to frolic with babies and take care of them and love them. I am anxious to know that you are trying my cordial, it is so good, not only as a general tonic, but particularly beneficial in diarrhea as Marian can abundantly testify from her last summer's experience. Why a chronic diarrhea is a bad thing, and must be stopped! You will run down and wear all out if it is not. How gladly I would help you to some good water if I could. If Isaac will bring or send you right here, you shall have all you want.

Elias seems to be rather unfortunate about property lately. He feels blue, though he does not worry nor say much about it. The "Susan Duncan" has been an unfortunate vessel from the first; is three years old & has never made one good trip yet; he has never received a dollar from her, but has paid out a good deal. He has recently had letters from the captain at Savannah with an account of loss and damage to the amount of a thousand dollars. Several little annoying losses & crosses in his business besides. He feels poor, and I suppose

Lucy. Bangor Feb. 1. 1854 Feb 18-
Dubuque Feb. 18, 1854. Samuel went to ... yesterday again. He is pleased ...
came for a week ago Monday Almeda with him. She and Lizzie went home with him. Our winter thus far has been quite mild with the exception of a few cold days last week, when it was from 20 to 35 degrees below Zero. Samuel is, as usual, full of business. His loans are doing very well in the woods, but everything is so high that I fear he will not make a great deal. He had some corn, however, to buy when he came out last; it was so high, he thought he would wait a few days for it to fall - but it only grew higher, so that he paid upwards of fifty dollars more for what he purchased this time than he would had he bought when he first came home. $1,25 for corn, 12,50 for flour - That is extra flour, such as he gets for the house - his woods flour only $11.00 ~~a barrel. Every day after the week that poor boy cost him forty dollars a piece in the woods.~~ We imagine that Charles is disappointed in your country, because he is so mum! he does not tell us a word of what he is doing or how he likes. According to Samuel's account your baby eats astonishingly. There is a great difference in the appetites of the respective babies. Irene has never had but little - don't want to - I fix from one to three spoonfuls of milk once or twice a day with a crumb of bread as large as a thimble; he very daintily puts his little mouth & sips down a part of it - he drinks very well, but only a little at a time.

Saturday eve at about ten o'clock. We had a worried some about you; it was so very foggy here, that we feared the boat might be detained on account of it and not get into Boston at the usual time, and so occasion trouble about meeting the cars; but it turns you got home sooner even than you expected. Baby good, too, has not sought, Sabra not sick, and all things better than we feared - I am so glad, but sorry am I that you should find your parents in poor health. I hope that the coming home of the daughter and grandson will cheer and revive them greatly. It is a hot day, 1/2 past twelve o'clock - they have all been hot days since you went away, and very dry - not even

Lucy E Mallin - Bangor July 24. 64
Dunbarton July 27 - 1864 —

a shower to moisten the parched and dusty earth, and to replenish the almost dry cistern. Percie sits in the big rocking chair near me, playing with a pencil & card - nothing on but shirt and dress - I even let him go without shoes and stockings - his head is wet almost all the time. He took two or three steps alone several time the day you went away & has since been nearly across the room - but is so warm he does not feel strong & he has some diarrhea all the time. Just as soon as "Dr. Witt" has gone, I think I shall send for some homeopathic powders! Do remember and not show this to Anna if she should go to Dunbarton because of this last paragraph - I should not be surprised however, if they gave up going after all - The Dr. seems disinclined because of the delay &c. says they had better go some time when they have not just parted from you. They went to Nile Thursday intending to return to Bangor Wednesday after tomorrow & leave here finally a week

& Mother - and many kisses for the little Cory Mayo - how I shall want to see you all & dismiss - If Samuel can only go with

from today. It seems as if I had heard from them at all. They were down street almost all the time after you went away till they went to Phila. about their daguerreotypes. will have some handsome ones in frames, $10. apiece, but they had to sit a great many times before they were both suited. I went and got Percie's, but it is so dark it is not pretty & I shall try again when there comes a cool day. He was still as mad as he. I am so sorry that we could not have got the children together. I hope you will try and get Coxy's soon. Percie misses him. He looks all round the house after him. I am anxious to know if Mary is vaccinated. Last Saturday, just a week from the time the matter was put in, Percie's arm in one spot looked a little inflamed. There is now a small pustule inflamed as large in surface as a small pea. I don't think it will do any good. I shall feel more troubled for you than for myself if Coxy is sick not take, because it will trouble you to get a doctor & then you will have

Dec. I answer's letter — will remark Coxy. Willie's $10 apiece. Can't see this place. Coxy's corner

another bite to pay. Dr. Mc. Kuer came up to do it the day you left - did not come sooner because he had no fresh matter - I don't believe Dr. Langhton's was fresh. Ellen does nicely - If I can only keep her, I shall be thankful & she stays, I hope to have time to enjoy reading some of the books you left - I fear you did not intend to leave your Fowler & Combe books If Anna goes to Sunbarton, I will send them. If not, I will endeavor to acquire wisdom there. Fow - I will send them by mail if you wish any time. And the White quilt you did not take after all - If Anna goes I will send it - if not please write whether & how I shall send it? Shall I ever get mine made? Mattie has really got about her dress (French calico) in good earnest - it is almost done - I made the buttonholes & sewed on the skirt. Our Church has almost decided to settle Mr. Smyth as pastor - to preach three months this year, and six next. I have read the "Golden Legend" The poetry is beautiful, isn't it? I should love to read it right over again. It is dinner time,

Dr. C. ... it think how I'm lonely it seems here - the house is so still & especially when Lewis is asleep —

Bangor-

Mond. morn-

Dear Nettie,

Lucy is writing, and I must add just a line to tell you how delighted we were to hear so soon from you - I kept thinking of you all day Tuesday, supposing you would not reach home until night. I felt so troubled about your going alone. What a nice good boy little Cony was to ay none - I imagine you are now enjoying yourself extremely, with Father, Mother, Brother & Sister, and no sewing to

do - I wrote a few lines to Isaac last week, and among other things mentioned that you had finished your sewing. I knew it would relieve him, and I could not think of anything more you had to do. Eliab also wrote him, though I fear it was but a few lines - I cannot tell you how lonely it seems here since you left. Did I not know how much you are enjoying the quiet of home I should heartily wish you back. We are expecting Anna back in a day or two. I am afraid the very warm weather prevents

any J then taking much comfort. I spent one night with a jam in my hand, and could then scarcely breathe. We had no such weather while you were here. Samuel and Elsie take turns now about going down town after tea, so that every other evening I have a nice walk up in the grove. We spent more than an hour there one night. I sleep so sweetly after such a walk. I wish you could go with us.

Anna called over to see Mrs. Harlow one evening, and could not account for her being so

very formal and distant.
I could very easily guess the reason, cannot you?
I have just been out to gather some string beans for dinner. I wonder if you love them as well as I do.
Do tell us if Sabra is to remain with you long.
Has Cony any more teeth yet. Does he not need another blue pill?
If we send this by the next mail, I must stop, though I have said nothing—
Do write us very often, for we do love to hear from you—
Good bye—
Your loving Mattie—

Lucy

Bangor July 20 1854
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Bangor July 20 - 1854

My own dear Brother Isaac

How wrong it
I have been in not writing to you all this
long time! I would "fess" a letter fruit
if it would do any good; but perhaps
Nettie has written you some of the reasons
why I have had so little time to write
or do any thing else. Now I have a good
capable Irish girl, whom I hope to keep
some time. Nettie, Sabra and little
Cony started for Dumbarton Last monday
morning. After waiting so long for Anna
the concluded at last to go without her;
and now the Dr. and Anna have about
decided that they had better not go to
Dumbarton. They say they have been gone a
good while & spent a good deal of money,
and if they go there it will add to the expense
and hinder them still more time. They say
they have just hunted from here & had little

go some other time when they have not just seen her. I am afraid Nettie will feel disappointed, if not hurt, about it, after waiting so long for her. I have rather urged her to go, but they will decide for themselves, of course. They went to Bills to-day, expect to come back next Wednesday and leave here finally, the Monday after. I have worried myself a good deal because it seemed to me that Nettie could not enjoy her visit here in the midst of so much confusion; changing help, having no help &c. &c. I never had such a time of weariness and discouragement before. One day Samuel went after eleven different girls without being able to get one. If Ellen (who is here now) will only stay till E. and M. go to housekeeping, I shall feel thankful. Samuel got so desperate he said he would give a girl six dollars a week if she asked it. I am afraid Nettie got most worn out before she got home. I imagine Sabra

would not do to lean upon much in such a case, and Cony was not at all well. Cutting teeth or something made him nervous and irritable. The babies were both vaccinated Sat. before the vaccine's did not take - I want very much to know if Cony's did; it will be so much trouble for her to get it done again. The Dr. and Anna have been having their daguerreotypes, full length in large gilt frames, ~~cases~~, ten dollars a piece. Anna had Joseph's too, & put in a large frame. He went down with them & got Percie's - 'tis not very good & we are going to try again. He was still as a mouse and the position is very good, and expression good, but the light was not strong enough & the whole picture is very dark. There is great disappointment at Mills because Charles does not come - I do feel afraid to have him stay through all the hot weather, I am afraid his health will suffer

for it. Tell him a am very sorry not to write him more letters, but time is a scarce commodity now a-days.

I presume Nettie has written you all the items of interest. If she had not been here writing so often, I dare say I should have stolen time to write now and then. Mrs. Kimball has been prosecuted - the trial comes off next Saturday.

We are having very hot weather now - dry and dusty too. We are apprehensive that it will be sickly. So, you & Charles both, be very careful of your health now in this sickly summer season. We see by the papers that the Cholera is about you - Lucia walked three or four steps alone the day Nettie went away, for the first time - today he has walked almost across the room - Constitutes stronger it is more forward about walking than he. Well he is crying and teasing me to take him - good bye - with much love to both of you - Sister Lucy

Ans by Bangor Apr 12, 1854
Received Apr 24, 1854

Bangor Apr. 12 – 1854.

Dear Sister Nellie

Your last good letter of Mar. 3, written "all, all alone," while Isaac was gone to St. Louis, was received some days since, as also one from Charlie, which I answered immediately. We were very sorry to learn, by Charlie's letter, that you had not been so well again. I think I know how to sympathize with you in two particulars. Viz. frequent absences of the dear husband, and backslidings in the matter of health; for which trials are great ones to me. It seems so hard when one, with great carefulness and patience, has just got nicely up, beginning to feel strength and vigor, and so hopeful of better days to come; to do as Lizzie in music, or take a little cold, and fall back in the old place again; yet, I know there are among the lighter trials, and should be considered so. O, how small compared with the loss of friends! Then it is so

for which I thank you. Mattie sent me a letter (received Tuesday) Tuesday, written all, all alone, while Isaac was gone to St. Louis, and a very welcome one it was. Tuesday, another letter from Charlie. Also one from Isaac, written while in St. Louis. Mattie sent me a very welcome letter. Also one from Isaac. Tuesday, another letter from Charlie. Also one from Isaac. Tuesday, another letter from Charlie. Also one from Isaac.

sweet and satisfying to know by whose hand all our trials are administered. He loves us and He cannot do wrong.

"To lack the loving discipline of pain
Were endless loss."

I had almost forgotten the old back aches and tonsil crying through the winter. I was so well and smart, but while Isabel was gone home, I did a little too much, and lifting the baby so much learning to stand & was inclined rather too hard, so that I have had to take myself in the tonsil and be careful. My old ailments and weaknesses have troubled me, and I have been trying to get a woman to come and relieve me of the care of Percie and stay till after I wean him, which I intend to do this month. I suppose it is a great undertaking to wean a baby, but don't know much about it. Percie is very limitations of titty, and I imagine he will not be denied very easily. I wrote so much to Charlie about Percie that I will not fill this letter about him. Of course, to us, he

is the dearest, cunningest baby in the World!

I think your little Le Roy must be quite a musical genius. I should love to see him play on the melodeon! I feel in a hurry to have you leave Illinois, both on account of your health, and because I want to see you. But what will poor Isaac do all summer without his wife and baby boy! I rejoice at the arrangement because I think such attractions at the East will draw him this way sooner than he would otherwise come, and we want to see him. How hard it does seem that it is ever necessary for families to separate so far from each other! I imagine there are joyful anticipations now-a-days in one Lumbertown house, at least. With you I can hardly make up my mind whether, under the circumstances, you are gladder to come to your old home, or gladder to leave Isaac. I hope he will be able to follow you soon.

This is a bright, warm, April day, so pleasant, with such a sweet, bracing air; but the snow drifts are deep and many

getting in many places — dare ground and mud, and deep snow drifts in "banks". The past winter is said to have been the most severe ever known, both for cold and snow. When Samuel came from the woods last week there was six feet of snow on an average in the woods. He thinks notwithstanding the unusual expense, he has done well cutting. The prospect for driving the logs is good. Don't you think I am glad of the change in his business? Now he will not go away in the winter. Am I not glad also that Elias concluded to go in with him, instead of taking himself and Hallie away off to N. York, or somewhere else? How I wish Isaac & his, and Anna and hers, could move up a little nearer, so that we could be within speaking distance. How much comfort we are anticipating when you and Anna get here! I know I must not be selfish, but Fleeta don't stop too long in N. H. before you come here. The juice on Railroads which I put in Charles' letter was intended more particularly for Isaac's benefit; for

Lucy - Bangor March 14
1854
Du Bois Afsp. 1854

Bangor March 14 - 1854.

Dear Brother & Sister

It is evening - nay, past eight o'clock; & even if Percie does not wake and call for me, I cannot write a long time. Elijah and Nellie are seated on either side the "Bagatelle" before the fire, the one reading the Cast Independent, the other finishing off some little embroidered shoes for the "Corban". They are to have a great sale soon. Gen. Veazie tells the Ladies that if they will go on & do what they can, he will help them about building a Chapel for the Seminary; I have just had a letter from Samuel - he went away a week ago today & does not expect to return until Saturday - almost another week - we have had constant warm weather since March came in, - hardly cold enough to freeze at night, - which has made the "toting", particularly on the lakes, so bad that Samuel is obliged to remain with

Lucy - Bangor Mar. 14 - 1854 - Soldier Lucy.

the loans. Messrs Pendleton & Ross have made a proposition, which he considers very good, for Samuel and their present book-keeper to buy them out - They are Ship Chandlers, you know - taking their customers &c. I don't know what he will do - if the confinement within doors will not be injurious to his health, I should like it much, as he would then be at home winters. Perhaps eventually Elijah & he might be associated together. Perhaps I had better not have written anything about it, as there are no plans formed. I have teased Elijah about writing to you Saucie, but you know he had rather do anything else than write a letter.

Lucy Stone is creating quite an excitement here just now - has delivered three lectures, tonight the last; on "The appropriate sphere of woman," "The legal rights of woman," and "Slavery" - people like her first lecture very generally - They say her manner is quiet & graceful, her voice clear, full & sweet, and her dress simple and ap-

propriate - partly Bloomer. We intended to hear her one evening, but did not. I feel rather disappointed. Julia Parker made me a nice little visit recently, Isaac. She is a fine looking girl, having as I judge, her Mother's Longevity - and her Father's good sense along with it. Father Hunter is married - quite recently - to a widow Lady of St. Paul, 45 years young. Bill is to be married in the spring, and John is "wooing".

Mabel went home to stay a few days when Jamie went East to Wis, so Hallie and I are getting along alone - I did too much the first day or two I here, for consequence, been partially overset, so Hallie has taken the reins of government. Willie is good as can be, but is leaning to stand by things & requires a good deal of care - his eighth tooth is just coming through. He acts so roguish when I tell him not to do anything he wants to. He is a nice fatty little fellow. I expect he will be like Henry Brown's little boy,

four or five years old, who said the other day, "mother, I am so glad at coffin all the time, I don't know what to do with myself." A very happy state of things for a child, isn't it? You two good people seem to send rather contradictory statements respecting the amount of eatables consumed by the Corps. Percie begins to realise that he is the means next month & is trying to learn to eat - we have a cow now, so he has good sweet milk in abundance. I send another skein of Stores Nellie - you can arrange the line by the baby's foot - I did not dare to make them up to just in a letter: they will not boil so soon as the others would. I sent your last letter to Mother, & don't recollect if there was anything special in it to be answered. Please do write & Mrs Cutcat & Charles to do the same. It is ten minutes past nine - I have left Jane to take baby up & nurse him to sleep, & am very weary. Nellie & Elsie are

Lucy Bangor Feb 21/54
Dr Lucia March 16, 54
{Delayed by the great rains}

Bangor Feb. 21 - 1854.

Dear Brother & Sister.

It is half past eight in the evening, and my letter must necessarily be short, but I will write what I can. I have written a long letter to Anna tonight, rocking Percie with one hand meantime. Elliot and Hattie have been employed in various ways - diving in Capt in the rocking chair, eating nuts, reading, lounging, and talking about taking a walk, but on the whole concluded to defer it till morning. Mother has gone home, Lizzie has gone home, Samuel went away again yesterday, and it seems still a lonely. Baby & I have to cuddle up alone at night as best we can. I am beginning to enjoy the fact that the winter is most gone. He will only get two more days. Percie is rather restless tonight - he has not been quite well since his last attack of croup.

The Dr. was in this morning. - he says it is teething now. his gums are swollen a good deal. He is more troublesome than ever before - just beginning to stand, and creeps over just all over the house - when a door is open scrabbles with all his might to get out, before I catch him, laughing so hard that he can hardly go. I had to whip his hand this morning to keep him away from the toys. His head been eating fig & was covered with it; then the bleach from the toys superadded, made me think with "Dr. Dick" of Copperfield memory, "I should wash him". He makes a cake very prettily; picks it, stuffing all but the forefinger tight. I have had a nice good letter from Charles Cately, which I answered immediately, also one from you conjointly, which I am now answering! I am so glad to know that your health is improving, Nettie; and if possible, I should still to know that you are coming East in the early summer. Wish it be so nice to

come with Elijah and Anna? Poor Isaac, I shall be sorry for you as well as for the rest of us, if you are not able to come too. But you will learn a little how good it is for wife to be left alone! I imagine Adriance has as hard a time of it as anybody this winter, though I think they are prospering finely now. We have not heard from Nels for some days. I presume you hear as often as we do. Did'nt I feel dreadfully when Mother went away? We have a good cow. What nice sweet milk we have! I intend now to wean Percie in Apr. We sell from four or five qts of milk per day for five cts, which helps pay for keeping the cow. Walter Brown's folks had a large party last week (five hundred invitations given) - E. and M. invited, but did not go. We have had Edgar Poe's works from the Library. A sketch of him in the Eclectic reminded us to get the book. What a strange, miserable man he was! Does Anna write you often? I had a letter

I my hastily written yesterday. Samuel says if there is a good freshet in the Spring, so that the Lumber comes down well, he shall probably do well, notwithstanding the high prices of anything. Don't you like the Independent better since the form is changed - It seems to me it is more interesting than before, though I used to get at Mr. Robert Hoskins died a week or two since - I suppose he has been in Consumption for 20 or 25 years. He bequeathed to Elisha his "public documents" being seven Volumes of Census reports, Surveys of territories &c! He has settled with Mr. Romulus Hoskins. The business was left in his hands - E. will write you about it I guess - I have had a line from him since he has written once! It is 9 o'clock - I am fidgety - have taken Pecia up once since I began - & he begins to nestle again - good night all - Love to all - In Love

Lucy.

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Bangor Lucy Aug 9, 1854
Dunbarton Aug 15, 1854

Bangor Aug. 9 – 1854.

Dear Nettie

We are filled with wonderment that we do not receive letters from you. we are fearing that you or Cony or Lowe you are sick. Nellie and I do not know whether you ever rec'd our letter written immediately after your first came from Dunbarton. Mother and Eliab and myself had good letters from dear Isaac Indeed. How much he misses his wife and boy; and how touchingly he makes complaint about it. I have been naughty I know, in not writing to him more. But, dear me, how could I? I have written once; and mean to again soon. We want much to know whether Emma went to Dunbarton – they intended to do so when they left Bangor if the Rail roads &c. were as they expected, but the Dr. said it was uncertain & we had better not send anything

in time - he seemed to fear the Choleria
& felt inclined to take the shortest route
home. I do not much wonder - it does
seem hardly safe journeying by land
road and steamboat now. It seems
to remain healthy where Charles & Isaac are
yet. I do hope it will continue so. Our dear
little Percie has been very sick with teething
dysentery, the Dr. called it - he was taken
the day after Anna went away - he had
two double teeth come through within a
few days and two more badly swollen, be-
sides his eye teeth. Sabbath day I feared
we should have to part with the dear little
fellow, but God has spared him to us - we know
not for how long. You would hardly know him
he has grown so poor and pale. His bowels
particularly - there seemed to be hardly any-
thing left but a little wrinkled skin. His ap-
petite has returned considerably, and his
bowels seem to be getting regular again. I
do like homeopathy for babies at any rate.
Poor Isaac is sadly afraid with Mary

will get sick, and he says he has no confidence in the doctors there. Percie was such a dear patient little fellow - now more than ever, if possible, we loved him when he was so sick. Francie is very well and smart - Mother has had a letter from you since she came here, which she wishes me to acknowledge. I want one extremely - please favor me. We had two witnesses of Percie before Emma went away, the best of which she took & which you saw if she went to D. as I hope and suppose she did - the other we intended to change and shall, perhaps, when he gets to look like himself again. I went to see Cony's dreffully, but I went to see Cony's self more. How does the little fellow & how many teeth has he? Percie was most faithfully vaccinated after all; though it was so long showing it. Did Cony's take at last. I am glad you got so good a carriage - I shall try to have mine fixed with the back wheels alone. You did not say whether Sabra was with you or not - Ellen stays yet, and is an excellent

girl - very pleasant - a real Irish heart.
Poor Alberia's patience is almost exhausted waiting for Charles. I have just been writing to her, trying to comfort her, but it is hard work. We are most extremely obliged for the Biographical Dictionary. We had no such work in the house, and it is peculiarly acceptable. Elsie has not been very well for a few days - for myself I am slightly weary with watchfulness & care of baby, but shall soon get refreshed if he gets well - This will just time back again about walking, won't it? I suppose Maya runs just where it pleases. Give very much love to your Father & Mother, brother & sister. I would love to go and see them all - wish Saint could spare time & we would go by & by & help Lucie grow strong & well. Ida is wanting for me & I must stop writing. The Cytisus vine is in bloom. It is pretty. The Rose of Sharon flower is also in blossom. Well good night.

With much love. Your sister Lucy.

Do write soon -

Lucy - Elysian bay 1854

To the Du Bois people.

I guess, Lucy, if you come East as far as N. Hampshire and dont come to Bangor, what shall be done to you?

It is morning, six o'clock, Apr. 26 — Percii sleeps his morning nap in bed, Sam'l has just started for Oldtown in the cars. Breakfast is ready, Elijah & Mallie will be down soon, but I will improve the few moments in saying a few words, which I intended to do some days

time when I first received
your letter telling of Nettie's
sickness. We are so glad
that you are going to bring
her away from Ill. imme-
diately. I want she should
be with her Mother for a
time. It is the only right
place for her, till she gets
nicely recruited. If I
could, how I would love to
go on to Dunbarton by a
by and see her there, but
that I do not expect to do.
We shall feel that it is best
and wait patiently for her to

get rested & well enough
to enjoy the journey & visit
before coming to Maine, though
I hope we shall not have a
long time to wait. We do not
begin to believe that you will
come as far as Dunbarton
without coming here, so you
need'nt think of it. We shall
follow you with. nobody knows
what, if you do. I have been
rather poorly myself lately.
Spring weather, nursing Ida
a big baby & all together.
Sent for the Dr. who said
"wean baby"; which I provi-

ously intended to do this
month. She is about weaned
now, and I begin to feel
better - have kept on the
lounge a good deal lately -
I do hope to be well, so as
to enjoy Anna's visit when
she comes - am so sorry that
you & Nettie and Charles
cannot be here when she
is. Elijah said he wrote you
yesterday - I will direct this
to Elyria, as you may have
left the Lorain before it reaches
there - I should have written
before except feeling badly &
wanting Annie - Much Love
Lucy -

Lucy Aug. 7. 1834

Bangor Aug 7- 1834.

My own dear brother Charles

How long it has been since I have written to you or had a letter from you. If you knew all the circumstances, I am sure you would consider me excusable; and I suppose I shall think rightly if I conclude that you have been very busy most of the time, and when you had leisure, needed it to rest and refresh yourself. You know how the brothers and sisters have been here. I have written to Isaac some of my reflections in regard to help - Helen Lucia has been ailing a good deal by spells. She is now sicker than she has been at all before, with bowel complaint. We are feeling very anxious indeed. She has no appetite scarcely, discharges are very frequent, and seems so weak. She has been sick on Jo. or 9th days, but has lost flesh very much. You could hardly believe

him to be the same fat, hard little fellow
you saw here last fall. I hardly dare to
think that he may be taken from us. I k. —
that he has become so precious to us, — but
what a house ours would be without him.
He is just as patient and quiet all the time
as can be. He began to go alone considerable
before he was sick, but he has not seemed very
strong all summer. He has had two double
teeth come through within a few days, and
more are much swollen. The doctor calls
it teething dysentery. We have had an un-
usual amount of dry hot weather. It seems
to have been so everywhere. Anna left here
last Monday, a week today. We feel anx-
ious to hear from them, it has been so
warm & they had some sickly places to
pass through. The Dr. seemed to feel a
little anxious. He is a dear good man we
all like him much. I rejoice that our
Annie is so highly favored. I hardly
know what to say about your decision to
remain in Illinois so much longer.

but I fear it is not wise. I am afraid your health will suffer afterwards for remaining through the hot weather, and I always thought Isaac himself said that one must come from there early, in order to avoid the ague. Albina is almost in a despairing state, and it is hard. I don't think she feels any worse than I should. I dare not really express an opinion because men know so much better than we women about such things, but I fear Cholera and ague for you both. I don't love to have you come away and leave Isaac alone and I don't love to have you stay! I fear it will be a much longer time than Isaac expected before he is safely through. Albina begs Brother and I to write and urge you to come right home. But I don't know whether I ought to or not. Dr. Le Hunt was dreadfully incensed against the flies and "skeeters" of the Country. He is nervous and they made him fidgety. I would write you about

the famous trial of Mrs. Lindall for petty Larceny, but I suppose Albina will give you all the particulars. How hard it is to see a little sick suffering baby, and not know anything what to do for it, feeling almost as if what the doctor does is stepping in the dark. The only comfort is in thinking that the Great Being who orders all events cannot do wrong. All will be just as he sees best, and then it must be right. Brother is going to write to-night with this. Isaac not to forget to write to me if he don't have any letters from me. I have not heard from — Stella for some days — the last was a Biographical dictionary for Sam'l "from Isaac & Stella" — no letter with it though we have had a pretty good likeness of Percie — Annie carried one away with her.

Well. I must not write more now —

With much love

Sister Lina

If it will be any comfort or benefit to you or him I shall be glad to have Charlie come here after he gets to housekeeping —

Lucy

Aug. 24 '57

Dear Sister

Yesterday was [illegible] of the third day, we started [illegible] quite early. Yesterday was [illegible] poor and sick he was. We have [illegible] that we will [illegible] it, or if we do. That he [illegible] is poor, principally with yellow [illegible]. I [illegible] sad [illegible], he has always been [illegible], [illegible] a great [illegible], [illegible] yellow. [illegible] smile, when anything very funny [illegible] he [illegible] but [illegible] smile, a little [illegible] smile, [illegible] enough [illegible] from [illegible] eyes. [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], so we hope he will [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] a little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

more than this. Your letter is inconsistent. It seems as if she might be reconciled to it, but we could see only from one side of the window. I fear Charles would dislike it as much as I do. You are all of one mind in regard to it. Should this, it would have been better, decidedly, if he had come home [illegible] of, on account of neuralgia, you think. But now it comes like spring, it seems to me. Your letter has not come to hand. I trust it is safe. Here, let Charles come here, and let Walter and Sally, or some one, come here. The house and take care of the things. After all, I don't pretend to have judgment to entrust much about it. So don't worry over it, but Albion how they [illegible] greatly.

We are having a fine rain, which is very much needed, today; after many weeks of excessively dry weather. Such a month as we have had is seldom known. Still with you I have had a pleasant [illegible] of Christmas, but there is a difference of opinion about it. Some people contend all such statements, as mine, are merely [illegible] but I do not mind that, if it were true, which it is not really, for people among Christians. I hope Emily will not have to lead a [illegible] life hereafter, & yet I fear it will be worse because we have not [illegible] you, perhaps it is well that we don't like [illegible] better. I am very [illegible] to hear Albion is [illegible]. Good luck, I say

Bangor Aug. 26 - 1857.

Dear Nick, my letter, Nick, fast, to the dear Nellie that "Energine" has come! We waited a good while for her, but this morning at 7 o'clock we made her appearance; a nice plump Mamma's one, weighing seven pounds, and evidently inclined to make her way in the world - she nursed two times before we were out! Nellie began to be sick at one o'clock - had an uncomfortable time, and is very comfortable now, though, of course, is not sweet a good deal, as you must know by experience. How glad and thankful we all are, and almost surprised too, that all is so well over, and that she must do [illegible] and good time. The said Dr. Rice. It is now about 10 o'clock - did not I write "quick

Express line Aug 26 Morning 7 o'clock

Dear Nellie is safely delivered of a nice boy baby

Henry has left the office

Quick the world to do

Kiss us all

Love to all

Yours affectionately

I could - my hand trembles so I can
hardly make letters. Poor little Jean
is sleeping now - he has been miserable
ever since Anna went away. We think
he is really better though. Yesterday &
today. He only weighs 18½ pounds - and
so poor and pale. But it's cooler weather
and we hope he will grow strong and
well now fast. I rec'd your darling
good letter of the 21st yesterday - have
been looking for it many days. We have
all been negligent and thoughtless about
making acknowledgements. Your letter
to Elsie was rec'd - I don't know why
he did not do anything about it, but
suppose it was because of the uncer-
tainty of Dr. de Witt's going to Lumber-
ton - and from what you wrote, I guess
he thought you did not need the money
at present and he would not send it in
mail. The Magazine has also been
received - so all is right. Wallie also
has rec'd the long letter. I rejoice that

You are all rearing so good times. And particularly that little Thayer is so well and lovely. How I wish dear little Percie was so too. And then I hope we will be over. I so so want to see that new Pony. I would send Percie a daguerreotype, but the one we have is in a little oval frame, which cannot well go by mail - Anne dear, my you could not see the one Emma has. That was the best. I have just scrawled a few words to Emma to tell the news. I am glad you talked with Sabra - it may do her good all her life - give my love to her - tell her if Percie knew enough he would acknowledge & return the one I sent, and in so I have & my heart for the many rides she helped him to win & he was here - he is not well enough to go out in his carriage now. I am sorry about Thayer's vaccination - I don't believe Dr. Langhton's matter was good. How I would love to see the little fellow - this time - this min and Spencer

Lucy Aug 26 - Bangor. 1864
Dumbarton Aug 29 - 1864

hard for me - just as if I did not
about Evangeline —

get acquainted with him, and learn him
to love me as I would have been glad to when
he was here; what with the care of Annie
and my other cares and labors, I found
little time for fondling him. Fessie
walked across the room several times four
or five weeks ago, but has not thought of
such a thing lately. We are all reading
"Homes in the new World" like many it
very much, but in some places there is a lower-
ing, so to speak, of the divine character, as
in Longfellow's Golden Legend, which is al-
most shocking to the feelings. I have not
heard a word to Grace about your Cabinet. It
must have been Hallie's doings. I guess
he did it to do anything very many things. The
prison trains were regulated - much obliged
I should try and do enough more to make
a comfortable donation. The Campbells
are joining the Temple. Father and I have
a little idea, if Sallie felt well enough be-
fore the middle of the week, of going to Dunbarton with
him, to stone in peace for a day or two; but this is
very doubtful - Much love to all from

Bangor Sept. 3. 1854.

Heard from you both night before last - dear good ones too, & several of us at once - a nice fat from Grace to me, and a nice good loving one from Charlie, which deserves a special one in return, and for which, for all, - many, many thanks.

Ed is sailing, and I feel as if I should, longer in writing, but Percie sleeps quietly, and while Mother keeps flies off. I will take time to talk a little with you - We had letter from Minnie and Nellie last night, in answer to those which carried tidings of the new baby. Nellie's account of little Percy's pranks is quite amusing - It makes my heart ache and be glad too; glad that he is so well and playful, & sad for our poor dear little Percie. He does not seem to get any better, though his teeth (all that are through) are strong - has had fever about a week within four or five weeks. Yesterday we called in Dr. Geo Peirce - He told, candidly in a jimmy way, that if Percie had been under a course of treatment, for the last three months, he should think the case would be hopeless, but as he had taken no effectual course, he hoped he could recover - He ex-

Perceive's head. I read one first night, wet with perspiration when he sleeps or when he's tired a little, his hands & feet hot and dry, and he sweats always etc.

tidus Homeopathy a "no-treatment" system in general, though he says those physicians do sometimes give medicine like others - he has detailed them in it, &c. He says in many cases it is just as well, for medicine has done as much harm as good in the world. He says the danger now with Percie is, (Thank me;) a wasting away of the fluid & blood without much pain - has been so long in this state - so much action in the bowels that the food does not nourish him; is digested in the stomach, but passes off through the bowels without making flesh and blood. He seems bright and playful a good deal of the time, has a pretty good appetite, but is poor, pale and weak; don't want to get down at all; calm, patient, pleasant - too much so, as the Dr. says; takes & does anything we want him to, but has these constant and involuntal discharges - yesterday a little bloody and we thought the dysentery was coming on, which was the reason of our sending to Dr. Utter; but he has had no more bloody discharges. Well, I am filling up my letter with Percie; but I could not help it, for my mind and heart are full of him. I don't know as he is any more [illegible] than you do, dear Isaac, only of course to his father and mother no other can be so precious. He is, and has always been a most good little boy. Obedient, &c. &c.

You have got my letter telling of Emergine's arrival - that, by the way, is really its name - Mattie is really wonderfully well the babe was a week old yesterday - she eats like any body else; sits up as much as she pleases, goes all about the house - walked clear round the block when it was only three days old - says she is just as well and strong, and as able to come down stairs and be about, as ever she was, but the Dr. counselled her to keep in room a fortnight, and for the sake of being in fashion she says she is going to. The baby is a nice little plump thing, with big eyes and mouth like Maria, little feet and hands, but otherwise, looking simply and only like her own little self. Of course she is the baby, and the best baby to her father & mother. Albina's letter tells that Josie has been quite sick troubled with worms. Mother is afraid she gets frightened and lets Dr. Kimball administer too much chloroform. 'Tis sad that we cannot divide Mother into as many Mothers as there are children - I suppose Albina feels badly not to have her there - now Charles is away: and I am sure I don't know what we could have done here without her. She had a very ill time herself, a few nights since, from which she has not yet entirely recovered. We fear she got her liver, for she says she ate an unripe apple that hurt her. She was taken about last-time in severe pain, and

Sit is so dreadful warm - we really think Percie seems a little better - has a more natural look in her face, and Dr. Kimball thinks he will get over it. Mrs. Dr. Wood is as thankful as they have words to be that we have a daughter.

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within two hours had twelve profuse, watery, odorous discharges - was so cold that with four hot plates, a jug of water and hot flannels, it was a long time before she got warm. Elijah gave her salts and water, which she thinks relieved her before the doctor's medicine got there. Lucie was quieter a crying, Emmet gone for the Drs. Boy in (Brania's nurse) with the crying wee baby, as Lucie had the whole care of Brother. he flew up & down stairs and did everything just like a woman. Brother said when he could do nothing else he would come and fix them. He is excited in sickness - seems to like it, is wonderful at such times. Believe I have reason to think that my brothers are good to care for sick folks, because I am so fond of them.

Well what a letter full I have written - not worth sending - Rufus Crosby is going to Illinois North in a few days. Samuel Dow is down to Hampden - a day or two since to see about a place for Lauren, to go to school - read a little composition with Mrs. Dascomb. Lucie & Elvira Hamlet assisted. I shall come home. It is not yet decided what is best for Lauren, whether to come home or go to Hampden - we have good schools, plenty for it. it would for his health, and I would like him. Let him not go to school a while before you send a trader. Oliver, he is coming down here on Lord's day, to see Miss Isabella Hubbell who is to visit Mrs. Lovell

I have a letter from Lucie Lincoln. Sarah is pleasantly situated in Rockford Illinois. Lucie is very happy in her situation. I fear Lauren will not be content with Henry in Illinois, as many will

Dear Brother
Your letter
I don't seem to remem-
ber how long it is since I have written
to you, but I believe I have had letters
from both of you since. We have been so
confused in so many respects so long,
that it seems sometimes as if I have no
memory left. But how much, how much
we have is to be thankful for! I have felt it
very much the last two or three days. Mrs.
Rider and Almeda came Sunday to
have a cancer taken from his lip. The
operation was performed Thursday forenoon
at Dr. Mc. Kuen's Office, by him & Dr.
Field. He was under the influence of ether
partially, but not so much as to render
him insensible. Any operation on the lip
is very painful. The adjusting after the
cutting was done, was particularly
so in this case as there was a very unusual

rigidity of the muscles of his face, so that after cutting out the piece, (more than half the lip, in the form of a V, the point running down to the chin) it was almost impossible to bring the parts together & keep them in place. He has another spot on his cheek & one on his neck which we fear will have to be taken out soon. This will disfigure his face a good deal more, the Dr. says, there on some people where the whole lip & chin has been taken out, because his flesh & skin will give so little. O, it is a terrible thing - a cancer, anywhere; and especially in the face. They will have to stay here a week or ten days. He can take only liquid food yet, and that lying on his back with the point of a teaspoon held in his mouth, having a very little at a time poured into. That with another spoon so it will run down his throat. He is just as patient as can be. I have not heard one impatient word

Have I ever written to you that Anna brought me a beautiful silver cake basket when she was here - eleven & a half years ago?

them an impatient motion.

Percie is doing nicely - He eats three quarters of the time and teases for something to eat the rest of the time - You would be astonished to see him put down the bread & apple sauce, which, with milk, is his usual food. He gains flesh & strength very fast - Sully begins to try to go alone some - We had a dear cunning little likeness of Mayo by mail a few days since - it is worth over so much to us. I do think 'tis worth while to have the little ones to look at when we can - I shall try sometime to get Percie's for her. Elsie and Hallie went from here a week ago today. Katie Ely came to help set them up - they have got pretty well going now. Some good letters have been received by us all from your brothers both, lately - I don't mind exactly about debt & credit, but write whenever & as you can. Dear, that You say, you trouble yourself about Nettie's & Sabra's being here so long - you both amuse & provoke me -

If you think it is, I can write [illegible] more & then, any [illegible] & envious poetic [illegible] this way.

Lucy Bangor
Oct. 14 1854

Dear Friend and do still that circumstances were such that she could not have a more quiet time & enjoy her visit more. I know it was hard and unpleasant for her, and to feel that friends who are with you are not so happy as you would have them; from whatever cause, is not pleasant. On my part, I was extremely happy that she could be here so long, and hoped & expect that she will come again when you come East next winter, when we will hope for nice cozy times together. Hallie's sister has caught her out of her name, Energine. She has about decided to call it Mary Whiting after the other sister.

I want to write to both & each of you in particular, but can only give one for both this time. Percis is about as much trouble now as when he was sick - and I get very little time - It is evening now, and I must write to Anna tonight. Albert wrote to Albina that she would rather her husband would be gone away five years, than

Dear Sister Nellie

The wife of Bangor Lieut. Lou sent her husband a good long letter & sent it to their home at Bangor Sept. 12th with its loving, cordial invitation, so kindly repeated, deserved an earlier answer; but - many things, many cares, have prevented. It is now evening. Percie sleeps, Mother sits near me reading "Homes of the new world," (in which we have all been much interested) Hallie and the wee one are in their chamber striving to get asleep, unsuccessfully, as it seems from sounds which greet my ears from time to time; the husbands dear are at the store, and instead of taking my sewing, which I was strongly tempted to do, I'll devote the evening, or a part of it, to chatting with dear Sister Nellie, whom I love more and more every letter she writes, and more since her nice visit here; but wish every remembrance of that visit come

to many regrets. That I should have been so hurried and confused & tired, to say nothing of a constant weariness, and stupidity in part resulting from it, all the while you were here, so that I could not give myself up to enjoying you and making you comfortable. You must not say you enjoyed it all and was comfortable all the while, for I know that you did not have as good a time as you might, had things been different. It will always worry me, and then it was just about as when you were here before. However, we will hope for a nice, quiet time the next time you come. Well all this is not answering your letter. In regard to going to Lumberton, we do want to as much as you can wish to have us, and we did think some of it a while ago, but dear little Pearl will not be well enough to endure the journey this fall. You have no idea how miserable he has been, and still is;

We cannot even ride out with him at all, he is so weak and so easily gets fatigued. We take him out in arms a few steps two or three times a day, but if we stay a little too long, he is so tired that it injures him for a day or two. We have to be extremely careful that he does not cook too long, nor sit up too long, or stay awake too long, else his disease is aggravated. It seems to have taken a chronic form & the Dr. says it will take him a good while to get well. Besides he is so poor that he gets cold very quickly, & his little limbs will feel almost like frog's skin. We feel that he is really gaining now, but very, very slowly. I cannot tell you how very glad we should be to take him to your mountain home, but it cannot be, this fall. I don't wish you could see him, for you would feel so sad to see now the skin lies in folds on his once little plump body. Albina & little Mary came down a week ago yesterday - Friday. Mary was taken very suddenly sick with Cholera infantum.

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was very sick for a few hours, but got better so that Sibina took her home today. She was a sick child this morning though, and we shall feel very anxious about her till we can hear tomorrow night. She felt as if she must get home with her. We are delighted to hear such good account of Mr. Little Mayo. Give him my tender love, and as many kisses as you can spare time to administer. How I want to see the little urchin! Do please send his likeness, and sometime if ever he looks like himself again, I will try to get Percis to send you - the one we have here is not good - we were intending to change it, before he was sick. Hattie prospers finely. Energine cries some, of course, but is a pretty respectably good baby in general - is going to look like Hattie & Smith; they hope to get it reaching home in two or three weeks. Her sister is coming to help fix. We both send Loving Thanks for the pretty collar which arrived safely, in company with the tiny shoes, too tiny even for Energine or Engine as Elsie calls her. Leaving out the second

Received ... Sept ... Thanks for ... pretty ... which ... safely ... company ... tiny ... shoes ... too ... tiny ... even ... for ... Energine ... or ... Engine ... as ... Elsie ... calls ... her. ... Leaving ... out ... the ... second

as much as I can with hard times & anxiety to see dear Louise as we also here - Bangor has had hard times, because the lumbermen (which is its trade)
Dear Mother (brothers) I am
naughty for not writing to you before: at
least, to thank you for the dear, cunning little
miniature, which was received some days
since. We are all very much obliged. It is
very perfect, we think. I wish I could send
you as good a one of Persis, but I do not
want to get one till he looks like himself again.
He is getting along nicely now. You would be as-
tonished and amused to see what a quantity
of food he manages to dispose of in a day.
I really don't dare to tell you how many slices
of bread and apple sauce. He begins to put
on flesh quite perceptably. begins to go alone
a little but his back seems weak, and Dr. Rice
Rice examined it yesterday and says there is
a slight curvature, but thinks he will outgrow
it. You know he was so long sick & very weak,
and yet unwilling to lie down much. He seems

in a fair way now to be well. How can we be thankful enough that his dear life is spared! How I should love to see the two together now. Percie tries to say a great many words, but does not speak any very plain. When he is hungry and I ask him what he wants, he looks at me, puts his finger in his mouth and then points, with a very significant look towards the kitchen door. He wakes early in the morning and kisses Samuel and me over and over again, rolling and rubbing his face and mine so lovingly. Don't you think the wee ones are dear comforts? I feel that I have lost ground a good deal in the matter of government by his being sick, but hope, by degrees, to get him into the right track. He is very easy to yield, and in general good tempered, but how much wisdom & loving firmness it requires to direct and control a child! I suppose, too, that we know little about it as yet. Hallie gets along very nicely - they have been keeping house a whole fortnight! Her baby cries considerable and

Hallie no better and not worse. We observed Love to Your parents, & Brother & sister. A great hug and a sweet kiss for the dear little Mayo. How

seems a little inclined to be croupy or asthmatic, or something of the kind. Her sister Hattie is with her yet. She some expects that both her sisters will be there the coming winter; but perhaps she has written all about it. She had a pretty present from this morning. The same young lady that embroidered her beautiful night cap - a dear little shirt, just so beautifully worked and two pairs of little socks, made of blue & pink worsted. Her sister is so displeased about the name she had chosen, that she has about decided to call it Mary Whiting, for her sister.

We have had rather a trying time here since Hattie moved away. They went Saturday and the next Sunday Mr. Rider and Almeda came to have a cancer taken from his lip. It did not heal so well as was hoped, and indeed has not wholly healed yet. We feel very anxious lest the humor should break out again. He will remain here under the care of Dr. Ince. Inner until it heals, unless it refuses to do so at all. It seems better today & the Dr. feels more hopeful about it. It is a dreadful thing.

I want to see him, will he have, dear child, to suffer so in his future, & please write soon to your loving sister Lucy. & your dear Aunt

a cancer, anywhere; and especially in the face. I never realized anything about it before. Though from a child it has seemed terrible to me. The operation was very painful, though he was partially under the influence of ether. For some days he could only take liquid food just carefully into his mouth as he lay on his back; now he takes solid food in the same way, cut in small strips. It would have been well, probably, by this time, but it broke away a little in the night, by some involuntary movement of the muscles, though it was bandaged very tightly. More than half the lip was taken out, in the form of V, and then the parts brought together. His mouth will be smaller than before, but otherwise we think will not be badly disfigured. There is another spot on his face, which we fear will become cancerous sometime. O, I am so glad Maria had gone. It would have been very trying for her. We have letters from the Smoker brethren pretty often & we write to them weekly, since Almeda has been here. I wonder if you hear

Samuel & Lucy Bangor Nov 6 1854

Lucy Bangor Nov. 18 1854

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Brother Isaac

At the earnest request of Lucy I find myself at my writing desk for the purpose of posting you up in relation to our business Matters, all other matters are duly chronicled by other hands, Business here has gone hard with all this season. Last winter was an Expensive one to do any thing in the woods and there was more done than ever before in one season. Through May there was so much water that but little lumber was brought to Market. June & July were good Months for getting lumber forward and large amounts were brought into Market and sold for high prices, Since the last of July there has been one continuous drouth, there have been but few logs rafted from the booms and fewer still sawed and brot to Market the result is that every body in the lumbering business is in a very Light place. There have been a few failures. Ricker, Jewett & Co (J. K. Hayward), & Paine & Blunt have stopped payment and most all others are "shivering in the wind", freights are dull and none to be had very many vessels are "hauled up" some gone into other business and those that continue here are Earning barely Enough to pay their Crews, you will see that this state of business affects us very

sensibly. we are selling but few goods
and our collections come in slow. Out of my
last winters operation I have sold but $200.
worth of logs, Except $2000. sold to one of the Pro-
prietors for Lumbago and I have some $2000. worth
of winter before last's operation still in the boom
for (Tenbe & Braden) are now owing P & Ross $22000.
on last winters operation, which makes them (P & R)
together with other hard things to have a very
hard time to pay their notes, when we (J & M) bought
out P & Ross we gave our notes for $10000. the am't
of their stock in 3, 4, 5 & 6 Months in which notes they
were to renew into another year if we wished
and Ross was to put in $5000. this Fall and become
a Partner, we have had to pay all of our notes
to P & Ross and Ross is not able to put in any of the
$5000 which he agreed to do, You will see that
we too must needs be in a short place, we have
paid all our notes so far and by some way
though at present we can hardly tell how, to live
through the winter, Elish made arrangements in Boston
last week to have some $3500 of our paper renewed
and we may have to get some more extension
on stock There seems to be a general disposition
to help one another amongst the business men
when they are satisfied of good intentions in
persons asking for accomodation, we have
done a good business this year if we can get

Through the winter and spring, we have bought as per our Invoice Book $55.000, worth of Goods and have sold $52.000, worth, our business Expenses have been, say $2.000, and our present stock is probably worth from $10.000 to $12.000, You can now pretty well understand about how we get along these times. Regular Bank interest here is 12 per cent, last week I could not possibly get a draft discounted which was perfectly undoubted and had but 12 days to run, although sometimes we can get sixty days paper through the Banks The Ellsworth Bank, Bank of Hallowell and Ship Builders Bank of Rockland have recently failed which has caused quite a Panic and all the Banks have been called upon largely for Specie by a class of people who usually kept money by them for a long time which has run down their circulation very low and it is impossible for them to discount to meet the wants of Business here Still we keep hoping and working and what the End will be we cannot tell

I am first page sorry to see, as I write it, that I have nothing especial to write. I am so glad Bernard has written you frequently about his visits - it is so kind in writing as he does. Long, but time, time, is more as if it and flesh [illegible] now things except as for above. I do [illegible] and love to him for not writing more to you frankly, but he will come & write and generally is not at it first or make appointments. Besides, being in [illegible] has occupied (necessarily) his time and attentions for a few weeks very much. Harriet's sister Hattie went home about a fortnight ago and now he will [illegible] being very much with Faith & this writer. So it is understood, as yet. They have a merry little Easter Sabbath - no more incidents as yet. Letters from Mr. Snider say he is doing nicely - is very happy indeed - Lizzie came down last Saturday - the only passenger in the sleigh from [illegible] & Co.'s! It had a pleasant down all around, & are now in a state of excitement now, raining, rain and mud! But the most delightful weather for three weeks past. Hope we shall have a good rain now, it is much needed. Very much love from dear Mrs. [illegible]

Lucy. Bangor Nov 20. 1854
Dunbarton Nov 23. "

Lucy

Bangor Nov. 20 - 1854

Dear Sister Nettie

Your dear kind letter of Oct. 21 - is before me. I am astonished at myself to find that it has been so long unanswered. It would not have been so neglected if I had not written to you just before receiving yours, so that I knew you would not be suffering for tidings from us. Mr Allen says she has written Lucy. I don't know whether since they decided on calling the baby a "G. E. N." Gertrude Ely Metcalf. How do you like it? Any better than Energine? I am so glad Willie Mayo is so well and smart. He is much more forward than Percie - how I should love to see him "talking to the maple leaves"; and hear his baby lips speak in Coign. Percie tries to speak a good many words, but does not say any very distinctly. He puts his hand to his forehead and makes a bow very prettily. I do not let him go out doors alone at all; I have made him a

Yours of Nov. 4th came duly to hand. Willie Mayo - Thanks him for his "Odes". Lucy will write Sister Nettie - Lovingly, your sister

little warm coat and cap & Mother has knit him some nice warm mitts to come above his knees, so I let him ride out in his carriage every day almost. Charlie is here now and is a nice help about taking him out & amusing him in other ways. He runs all about the house; particularly, and with great nimbleness from the sitting room to the store room! We have had pleasant, and very warm weather this fall - one good rain last week, which rejoiced the Lumbermen some, though it came too late to do them very essential service. It is hard times in Bangor just now, owing to the unusual drouth for two successive seasons, preventing the Lumber from coming down the river. There have been several bad failures lately - Mr. Paulk, who built the palace on Broadway, which perhaps you recollect, failed for a great sum last week, involving many others with him - one man in Bangor had endorsed his paper to the amount of ninety thousand dollars, and has since failed. The Lawyers also suffer considerable. Our people live

as they say, get; and are hoping to get through in the general struggle, but cannot tell how it will be. How dreadful the accident at Illinois. How much more it strikes our feelings than to read of the dreadful slaughter at Alma, or the loss of hundreds when a vessel is wrecked at sea! What a hard time Isaac must have had. How glad we shall all be when he gets fairly through there. I suppose you think you can appreciate that even better than the rest of us. I am sorry for your canker sore, though I trust it is all well long before now. I should be willing for you to have it just a minute sometime when I see you, so that I may see you be cross! I wish I could get hold of "Christie Milton's Journal". I have had Cathy the "Art Student at Munich" by Henry Howitt - quite interesting, though many parts relating to painting, sculpture, and the like, I do not understand. Thanie sent me the other day a beautiful book of American poetry, by Keble. We have from the Library Chalmers' discourses on the principles of Christianity applied to Commercial pursuits. Very good

also Chateaubriand's recollections in Italy
Irene & America. Don't think I shall like them
so well. I am very much obliged to you for leaving
the Cypress Vine seeds. I would write you all
about Hattie her baby & her housekeeping
but she has so lately written. I have not been
quite so well as usual lately. Exertion myself
too much one or twice, took a little cold too,
perhaps - My infirmities are felt more than
sometimes - Am taking Port wine by the new
directions. We have heard only once from
Almeda since they went home - Bro. Brien
was then doing well. You ask if I have
Samuel's company evenings - They rarely now,
though I almost pine for it, but by and by
after the river closes, they will take turns stay-
ing at home. Mother is here, and I don't
know how to be thankful enough that she is.
It seems when she is here, as if I could not
get along if she were away. Ellen is with me
yet and is a right down good girl, but I
fear to lose her in the Spring, as she will prob-
ably emigrate with her people to Minnesota - Do
please write me another dear Letter soon - Much love
to your parents & Danny - I hope to see them sometime. I showed

S. W. Furber, Bangor

Dec. 5th, 1854

Bangor Dec 5th 1854

Dear Brother

We have two received quite a number of letters from you of late, for which we are much obliged, we feel glad that you are so soon coming home, I suppose that Charley is now en route for down East and will without doubt be gladly welcomed at Milo and we shall then no doubt be greatly satisfied at his presence. Charlie is now at our house a clever Earnest boy; he much needs direction but is easily governed & governed easy. Percie is growing strong and fat very fast has more Spring and Elasticity than ever before is learning to speak some few words Charlie hauls him out of doors daily when the weather will permit, which we conceive to be very beneficial for him Lucy's health is not so good as we wish it to be. She has had too much care and anxiety needs rest and the open air although cold seems to have a bad effect upon her Your Mother will probably stay for this winter she can be more comfortable there at Milo thought I think she will wish much to be there after Charley goes home. The River is fast

open here but no vessels in port for fear of
ice yesterday we had a Grand Storm about
one foot of snow and to day good sleighing
we are yet alive as a business firm but
it is very hard to raise money even on good
business paper we have a note for $1666.00 due
Jan 1/4 which we cannot get discounted in
this City for 12 per cent interest. We Telegraphed
to you the 1st inst to send us what you could
spare by Charles. but the Telegraph Folks told
us then that it was very uncertain about its
going through, we are going to try to get
through without really failing that is without
assigning or Mortgaging or being sued
but not without asking for an extension
of our principle Creditors, for this we have
already asked and had granted quite
gracefully. but the later we have to ask of
them the better will it suit us and I suppose
please them, if could bring us any money
when you come East it would be Gratefully
rec'd and we would try and fix it so that it
would be a safe if not a profitable investment
Mallie and her Sisters have some $2300. of Bank
Stock in Hartford which they wish to Sell
and let us have the money. Eliab does not
wish to use the money but I think we will. I can
secure them for it and know not why we should
not set it to work,

I might the Sewing Circle hold their Annual Meeting at Prof Sheppards

A great time anticipated, how I propose to go and get one share of what may be offered for entertainment, I think of going soon to look after our land in Penn, which is my best way to go?

In Haste

S. W. Gurley

Wendell Phillips Esq. &c. &c. &c.
Dr. Sir
Your good and most welcome letter of Nov. 27 – was duly received, together with "Boston Book", which I have enjoyed famously. I do congratulate in that old English. But do you know whether it is genuine, or whether a modern "get-up", like "Margaret Smith"? I am very curious to know. I have always read and heard that Milton was not happy in his marriage – that his spouse was not particularly amiable. Can you enlighten one a the subject? I never read his life.

I would dearly love to look in on your family group in the "big sitting room" some of these fine evenings – possibly I might do more than look – I might be so bold as to drop in and take a seat with the rest. I am glad to hear that Mary's teeth are coming. Remember Fifteen, and his Aunt Ge both will be there – then. I suppose he will have a seat for a

Dear Sir
Your favor of the 6th inst. came duly to hand, and I should have answered it sooner, but I have always been busy. I am glad to hear that the children are well. Mary, there were twenty-seven of the Lincoln family present at the Thanksgiving dinner. Aunt Ge was not present, but she wrote me that she had a letter from Mary. Aunt Ge is getting old, and cannot travel much. Remember me to Mary, Fifteen, and Ge, and to all inquiring friends.

Yours truly,
Lincoln

while. Mary is master then Percii - he don't think of going to bed without me - he is a great mother boy yet, though not quite as babyish. I have never proposed his going to bed alone. My chief trouble with him is, that I cannot teach him the proprieties of life so that I dare to put on drawers. It is so cold he needs them. Does Corny wear his dresses short? With Percii's best dress I have him wear drawers, & have made it short. I dare not give him apple till his other eye tooth is through, as his bowels have been rather irregular for a good while, though he seems perfectly well - I wish you could see him now - you would not know him, with his double chin, and great red fat cheeks, covered half the time with Candies! The only thing I envy you about your Thanksgiving fixings is your pumpkin pie! I cannot remember when I have eaten one. We were all down to Eli's to dinner. Last night we, - Samuel and myself, Elijah, Maria and Mary - spent the evening at Mr. Shepard's - a general meeting of the Sewing Circle in the afternoon for Mrs. S's.

Percii weighs 27 lbs. and is 2½ feet high - How is Mary?

benefit, and students and everybody in the evening. A very pleasant time indeed. Two students invited themselves here to tea one evening this week. I do so wish you could step in here and enjoy a day with Mother and me once in a while. We have exchanged stoves. burn coal now - I like it better in some accounts, though I do feel badly to part with the dear open wood stove. On a little stand by the west window, we have, to enliven the scene a little, a few nice flowering plants. Primrose, Verbena, Fuschia Geranium &c. O, Hattie Ely brought me a few pound of bulbous roots - tulips, lilies, daffies, &c. this fall. When you were here, you gave me one day some little dark colored beans looking seeds, from Illinois, and told me the name, but I have forgotten - will you please tell it to me if you recollect what I mean. I am better than when I wrote last - have to be careful - little things upset me more than they used to. We are reading Para now - have you seen it? I shall suspend my judgment till I get through - have just finished "Chalmers's Life". We were quite amused

{Lucy-Bangor Dec 6. 1844
Dumbarton Dec 9. 1844}

at the one and now, view you take of the loss of life by shipwreck because it is "such a world of work to rear even one!" That view of the subject never occured to me before, but really I think it very rational to lay considerable stress on that part. Doubtless you regret such calamities for other reasons! Letters from Charles received today tell us he is on the way home. We shall expect him every day — I wish the dear Ocean was as near to you — What a comfort it is, with our whole heart to trust our dear absent ones, and all the dear ones to the watch of "an eye that never sleeps!" I am sorry for your back. Had you not better try Maria's sitz bath?

Mother says she loves you very much and thinks of you very often if she does not write. I think she will write soon — We are having fine, cold, bracing weather now, though it has been very mild most of the fall. The course of events this winter I would love to attend — I shall try if I am possibly well enough, to hear Henry Ward Beecher & Lucy Stone for the novelty of it. Mr. Chapin from N. Y. Theodore Parker, Miss Fuller

Lucy & Samuel G Bangs
Dec 28. 1884. Dunbarton
" 30 Dec 28th 1884 Dear Nettie. I took Lucy's letter this morning for mailing and finding it unsealed. thought I would like to say "Good morning" to you and Carrie, I am glad for you that Isaac is so soon to come home. How much happiness there is in anticipating such events. almost enough to balance the trial of a few months seperation I sometimes think that really good grows from these events which for the time we consider so grievous, that we can learn better how to prize dear friends in their absence than when they are even with us, that our love is strengthened by being frequently tested and put to vigorous work.

We are anticipating a good time when you and Isaac shall be here and moreover we believe we shall realize our anticipations, ~~will they~~ shall we not? We are to have a Social Gathering of our Society at the vestry next Tuesday Evening. We think much good may be made to result from these gatherings if conducted in a right Spirit and the partition fence of Etiquette be not lugged in, but in its place Christian sympathy be allowed "free course" We in this place need the social influence of such meetings more than they are needed in county towns

The Extremes of society are apt to get too far from each other, especially those who stand on elevated positions often seem to overlook those whose position is more humble

The bond of "Christian fellowship" does not prove to be strong enough to insure the Exercise of Christian sympathy; it is said that this is so. but it is too true to be kept out of sight, and it needs the appliances of Machinery to keep alive the spark of love which may chance to exist in our hearts

Good By. Love to Your Father and Mother

L. W. Farber

Dear Sister Nettie

The date above almost frightens me - how soon the new year will be here! How fast the years do go by lately! If I should live to be old, I think they would seem only a rapid whirl to me.

Thus much the date of my letter called forth, - now let me proceed to thank you for another dear letter received two days since. As, in point of time, I stand between the two, I will wish you a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" before I forget it! We had a very quiet, happy time on the 25th Ellen gone all day, as it is a high day with the Catholics. By the way I must tell you that her parents arrived here from Ireland Christmas day. They had a very long passage, got nearly out of provisions, and for the last three weeks had nothing but oatmeal soup, as Ellen called it, once a day. They were really almost starved. I expect the poor emi-

Barton
Post Office
Lamoille
Boggs's
Nov
Received
is well enough
but not much so
Lucy for my
Lotho — On this
which I shall
just [illegible] with
the best
wishes. Thank you, dear sister, for your kind letter. Ellen is well, and
his sister Ann is also. I have just received a letter from Ann Eliza
dear Aunt Nettie, from her
is Annie yet,
but he is one
to mention me
I take him
Yes, do you
like him?
I like him
well.
Lucy, and
many more of
the same stamp.

Now my letter is full - except and all, & I dare not put in but one word. Yes I could tell you pretty much of a great deal more - however what I have written is so

grants suffer more than we have any idea of. She told me of the burial of emigrants at sea - it is very sad. You speak of doing your washing because of the difficulty of obtaining help - I expect I must ask "down the country" when he comes, to find somebody for you - does he know that you have not had anybody all the while. It is a weariness along with the comfort, to take care of little boy. Ahe ons, is it? I find it so with Percie & he is called a quiet child. I love to have you write all about Hays - I want to keep informed just how he acts & grows & looks - we think & speak of him so often when we watch Percie at play. Mother speaks very often of his blowing around after Percie to kiss him. Do you remember? Percie kisses smack now, says "tatar" for Charlie, and tries to say almost every thing we tell him to. Why! I had almost forgotten what I intended to begin my letter with, that good news that our dear Charlie is safe at home. How glad & thankful we all are. But, as you say, I suppose it is the gladdest He arrived Easter Sat. night at three o'clock.

Charlie did not know him at first, on account of his whiskers, Charlie said. It touched Charlie much. The tears would come & keep coming. He kept close to his father & could hardly take his eyes off his face while he slept. They both went to Phila Monday morning. There was a collision on the rail road. all the passengers escaped with very little injuries, but two or three cars of hogs and cattle were demolished. Two or three cars from the back end of another train had broken away, without the Engineer's knowledge. so he had gone on & left them standing on the track. The man who was stationed on the back car with a Lantern had lost his sight & was unable to make his voice heard. It seems very wonderful that there was not more injury done. Charlie was standing by the stove & the first thing he knew, he was lying flat on his back. How dangerous it does seem to travel nowadays, and yet we know not where is the safest place, except that it is to abide under the shadow of the Almighty, trusting His love and care in every place, both for ourselves & for our friends. I am rejoicing for you day by day in the prospect of soon seeing Isaac

may it please our Heavenly Father to restore him to us unharmed. We want very much to hear from him and from you, to know what to expect you here. Mother wishes to know on account of making arrangements about going to Milo. Hallie is comforting herself with the expectation of a nice visit from you, and I am anticipating a whole bunch of warm comfort with you & Grace and little Freyo; with my good faithful Ellen to relieve me from care & fatigue, so that I can enjoy your next visit as I have done neither of the others. You will conclude fast when Grace comes & visits us all about it, won't you? You think Persis does not keep the room in such admirable disorder as Freyo does - I don't know. I do not imagine he is quite so vigorous as Freyo, though he has a good many lively things about - he is a very happy boy, draws his cricket about, or pushes blocks, patting about all day long, Laughing Loud a great deal, as he used to last winter, only he Laughs more intelligently now. He is not near so voracious as a few weeks ago. He usually has one short nap, sometimes not any. I made his dresses with long

I have read. Carlyle amused me as much as any. Anna has been having a Latin cloak made here - we have just sent it by express - It is very handsome - Comes almost up to your white mantle, with the Isaac-onian fringe! I expect her good doctor will wonder with a great admiration when he sees it! How I want to go to Elysian & Lumbarton! "Pears like" I cannot sometime - Elsie started for Boston to-night - Samuel thinks some of going to Penn. soon to look after the possessions there, if he does, he may go to Elysian! We camped when we read of the thermometer being four deg. below zero at your home - last week several mornings it was from 20 to 35 deg. Very cold all the week - now it's very mild indeed. In one place it was said the mercury went down so low that it pulled on the nail so as to break

I do not like it so well as the two first – I will just in with "Lamplighter"! Phemie liked it better than Lamplighter. Did you like those works of Lamartine's which you opened? I have seen Gilfillan's Gallery of Literary portraits, a student brought it to me. I do like Gilfillan's writings, though they seem almost too rich in words and so abounding in imagery. I enjoy the book extremely. I think I saw here one volume, though I have never read it. It seems to read his review of one character is though he never have exhausted himself, and would ever be able to say much as another, but there seems to be no lack to fair as

it of T. & Susan Pierce perhaps called them collected them

Corey. Jan 5, 1853. Bangor
Dunbarton Jan 6 53

Bangor Jan. 5 – 1853.

Dear Brother Isaac

Welcome to Dunbarton! I suppose you will be there tomorrow night – don't Nettie be glad? Are we not rejoicing already for her? And yet, do we right? You are not yet there, and we "know not what a day may bring forth!" We will trust, and hope that you may be brought safely and speedily to us all who love you. Your Telegraphic despatch, received tonight, made lighter two somewhat heavy hearts, at least. This has been a hard week with the brothers – and this, so much more than they expected, too, comes very opportunely. How soon are we to see you and Nettie and Mary here? Mr. Wallace, the little Scotch Student, came in tonight to bring me the Life of Dr Cheyne. He brought us before. Gilfillan's Gallery of Literary Portraits – How I have enjoyed it! Mother and I have wearied our eyes with shaking some evenings – It seems

as if he must sometime get short of words. But truly, there is no luck yet! This Vol. is not the one you had here, which I did not read; I expect to have that next. Mother is going to write this letter, I only put in a word because I was writing tonight - William Crosby got home a day or two since - called up here the next day - his father did not recognize him for some time - called him Mr. Irvin - With much love, in much haste.

Lucy -

Well, I wrote a bit last night, confidently expecting that Mother would write a long letter, but behold! She filled out the opposite page, instead of taking a new sheet, and - has done. What shall I do? She persists in not writing, because I write. Shall I have to give it up altogether in order that you may not be quite deprived of her letters? I wish I was not so wordy, but there - I am just as I was made. Mother, Lain & myself went to hear the Hutchinson sing one evening this week - They are very fine -

My Dear Children

Lucy says Mother is going to write this letter & indeed perhaps I ought — I am sure I want to write to you — and my heart is full — sometimes almost to bursting — (like a cag'd bird fluttering and panting to get out but cannot) full of love to all my Dear Children

If feelings & thoughts would only flow from my pen with the facility that words do from Lucys — but mine seems to be an inner life what little there is of it — or at any rate without much expression of any thing of use or benefit to any one

Lucy can write whatever we have to say so much easier that I will only tell you that I love you and pray for you and long to see you all here

much love to your parents

from your Mother

Jan. 6th

Please inform me when you will be here & when go to Wis. — I have been here more than 6 months & begin to feel that I ought to go home I want to be there or want to be with Charles — I want to be here too when you are. long to be acquainted with that precious little one & with his mother also more than I here

It seems to me that Charles will be less likely to enjoy life on M. than before he went away & he never was quite contented there but he needs some body to take him by the hand and pull him out of his getting away

Samuel Bangor Jan 6, 1865
Penobscot Jan 1865

Bangor Jany 6th 1865

Brother Isaac

We Rec'd a Telegraphic dispatch from you yesterday afternoon, we were surprised that you put so much money on deposit to our order, we can probably use, what you do not draw of it, to pretty good advantage in our business, Accept our sincere thanks for it. If we have any thing like fair success in collecting I think we shall be able to get along until the opening of the river next Spring when vessels will be earning money again, as you will be here so soon I will not go into particulars in relation to our business. The following failures have taken place here within three Months E. Strain Polk for $500,000, C Cooper & Co for say $100,000, John B. Foster unknown, which failures are bad The following have suspended but will resume business. Ricker Jewett & Co (J K Haywood), Bragg & Moore, Harvey Reed, Paine & Blunt, Walter Brown, Penobscot Lumbg Association, John Wilson Duddy C. Oaks failed, and the list is growing, We have paid this week $4600, When shall we see you here? Love to Nettie

Samuel W. Furber

Nov. Stanton Friday 7th 1853.

Very, very good to write me such a nice little letter so soon. It refreshed me in body and spirit. Isaac's anthem, Christmas preachment, &c was duly appreciated, and will be faithfully obeyed. What a long, slim, lonesome day was Monday! It seemed as if there was nothing to do, and a great deal of time to do it! Percie missed Mayo, I think, very much, but hardly knew what the matter was, and so kept calling "Papa" every few minutes. I put him in bed alone Monday and last night; told him I was coming out to knit. He insisted on, snuggled down into bed as good as a kitten, called "Mamma" a few times (not complainingly at all), and in about ten minutes was sound asleep. And so last night. I felt greatly relieved for I expected an hour's cry this first

night. He goes to sleep much sooner. When I could down with him. I wonder now that I did not try it before. We felt very anxious about you all, as it rained a little here several times Monday, and we feared you would get quite wet. Thanie fixed Sunday morning to attend the High School examination, but it was so crowded they could not get in comfortably, so she came up here a little while. She told me about a committee of eight appointed to go about two by two and visit each family, conversing with each individual personally, sending word beforehand, that every member of the family may be present. I suppose the intention is to do good, but I am of the opinion that in nine cases out of ten, more harm than good will be the results. If the members of the Church would drop in, one at a time, as if they came because they felt an interest in the persons, instead of discharging their duty as members of an appointed committee, and converse [illegible] personality or feeling or judgment

decided, & Prentiss it might do good. But except in some few cases, where such a course would bring a person out, and obliged them to commit themselves, it seems to me it will not be productive of any special benefit. Judging from my own feelings & from what I have known & others, to do good by personal conversation with subject of Religion, it must be done in private. Phallie & I had a great mind to lift up our voice & lend in a remonstrance.

Please to write particularly about the state of Religion in Phila. Mrs. Harlow invites me to go to the Maternal quarterly meeting this P. M. If the horse was at home, so that Samuel could carry one, perhaps I might. But believe I shall not trust myself with Mrs. Harlow. I want to go down to Maria's tomorrow if 'tis pleasant - I sent your letter down this morning, so I may not answer it all properly. Persis has been running out and in for the Pastor to dine himself, for about an hour this morning. He is now setting over & jawing about in the sitting room with "mamma". Ellen is so good

as can be – she does everything she can
for one without asking – when Percie goes
out in the kitchen, she says, though now
with me, Darwe; don't trouble your Mother;
Let me work to amuse him out there.
The only trouble is, she is disposed to be too
good in the matter of sugar & cake. I can
hardly restrain her. What beautiful days!
How nice little boys will become in regard
to cows and sheep, horses & oxen, pigs &
poultry, if he stays at Milo a while. What
an ignoramus Percie will be besides him
when he comes back. I think we shall get
along nicely here, but I should be very glad
to hear Lizzie come as soon as Almeda is
willing to spare her, which I suppose will
not be till you come away. There are so many
things to jump & stoop for continually, she
would be a great help to me. I cannot call
Ellen five times a minute you know. Emmet
and I are reading French and Politics papers.
He has been at home both evenings, except a little
while at the Big Circus last night. Politics is
Capitol. Percie says "pot" about one in five
minutes all day; I dare not die regularly, lest
we go over all the manoeuvres, mentally, in two four-

March 2th Astonishing fact!
Walter and I went to Prayer-
meeting yesterday - a
fine time - 24 Brethren &
Sisters present. Bro. Thul
night's Great Double Funeral-
crowded - had a nice chat
with Bro. Foster. Bro. Day -
waved & lowered with whom I
was before title acquainted.
Saw Bro. Copley too - Am going

down to Brainerd's, today though
it is rather windy - She ex-
pects me, & something every
time up to prevent another
time; so write you - Mr. Hur-
low has just been in, making
agonizing efforts to tell how
disappointed he was to find
you had gone, without going
in there to see! poor man!
"by, by" Love

Bangor Mar. 20. 1853.

To James' birthday

visit it. It occurred to my mind, as
Mrs. Horton says, while I was dusting
my sitter, I would not write today,
having nothing in particular to com-
municate, but a bundle is going by
tomorrow's stage, and I thought I
might as well bring myself into
a while. It is snowing, snowing, as
fast, and melting almost as fast as
it comes down. The letter from Isaac
& Nellie to Eliab & Maria came by Sat-
urday's mail. Samuel thought Eliab
was going to put up the fencing this week
and Monday, but probably in his hurry
preparing to go to Boston Monday, he forgot
it. He went by stage to Pittsfield to take
the cars. We did not expect you were going
to Vermont so soon. I guess one
letter from Maria & one from me was sent

While after you left here. Putnam's came yesterday - I cut the leaves (not made some bad mistakes doing it) and looked them over last night and this forenoon, so much as I had time - Little by little have finished P. Papers and French, and got into Hugh Miller's Auto biography, which, I believe I wrote you, Mrs. Hal. Lee brought. I cannot read much in the day time, because Percy wants to have a share in everything I do - and it is equally troublesome to write - and my eyes do not endure to read all the evening. We have all had very bad colds - Percie had a slight attack of croup Saturday night. Samuel was quite uncomfortable - today better - for two or three days, and Sat. and Sunday myself, almost sick - Samuel stayed at home Sat. afternoon to help take care of Percie - all finely convalescent now. Mrs. Martin has been confined in the house for several days with a severe cold. Mrs. Harlow, ditto - influenza very prevalent. "discernment"

Mrs. Harlow, with her superior wit, came

in t'other day to remind me that as we had got ten subscribers for the Mag. we were entitled to two copies, gratis - but as we did not want the work, we would take the two next dollars, sending the names without the dollars, which we accordingly did, sending twelve names & ten dollars - I told her I would'nt have any dollar. She has done the labor & is welcome to the profits. A man at the door just interrupted me, wishing to sell smelts at three cts a dozen! Reasonable fair, wern't it? I had a novel call for Charity yesterday - a pretty faced little girl, very quickly asked if I could give her sixpence to get her ear-ring mended. I rather laughed at the idea, and she laughed too, because I did, with the prettiest imaginable simplicity. Jane is at Mr. Dresser's (a few doors) across the St. from Mrs. Babb's - she has been sick with the mumps since going home - Samuel is going to call & see her. Poor child - I felt very much disappointed not to hear John P. Hale saturday eve, for I should not have been able to go myself if

Lucy - Bangor March 20, 1864 -
Richmond Maine March 24, 1865

[illegible] I received your letter
[illegible] I was glad to hear
[illegible] I received [illegible]
[illegible] I was very sorry
[illegible] if it was [illegible]
[illegible] Please, Brother, [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] I expect [illegible]
[illegible] All [illegible]
[illegible] I enclose a few cut from the
Daily Press, thinking the sentiments of the
[illegible] with your own. Pity
it that when Lucy really longs to be
in the Army, just as soon as he gets it
[illegible] Poor [illegible] He
[illegible] now - Glad it escaped
[illegible] I am [illegible]
Warren [illegible] Hannah [illegible]
[illegible] I expect [illegible]
[illegible] Please [illegible]
[illegible] I would like [illegible]
[illegible] I should like [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]

Bangor. Every May 1- 1855
Mile May 28-1855

Bangor May 1st 1855.

Dear Nellie

I believe must all my letters of late have been addressed to Hiram, and yet I receive responses from you. I thank you particularly for your care and kindness in writing to me so often. In your last you spoke of the vaccination. I had heard nothing about it before. It seems strange that I should be so much affected by it. I am afraid I may will find some day, that with all his boasted strength of constitution and power of endurance, he had better have profited some of the excellent advice which he has so freely bestowed on his youthful friends. I do think he cannot take better care of himself or he will never enjoy a "green old age." Hiram does improve so finely, about writing - Lucia gave very decided evidence

Spring to get them. I want to be getting a little cutting around the house, and Emmet is always so busy, particularly in the spring, that I dread. I must manage to do all I can myself. Tell Mother the hop vine is doing finely, but I can see no living sign of grape vines - and the white peony has not yet showed its head. I am fearing it will not. O, the thick objection of any letter has just dropped into my head; that is to tell you to make diligent use of the cereal wine Alice gave Mother for yourself. I feel a great deal better than a while ago, and do not need it now, and besides Elida got a nice large bottle of it for Mamie and me the other day. To please you & Mother, and all other readers, I will procure yourselves therewith. Mr. Sebolt moved into his house last Friday,

Capfoot Comes call it so. A letter
Came for you & I read a few lines
of it, closing a card from "Mrs.
Hird. Samuel B. Reed" — Jane A. E.
Enid. We thought you would not care
to have it forwarded. I have got Percy's
summer dresses most all ready for
him. He grows like a pig-weed.

How many little boys and girls are
crying with disappointment this morn-
ing! Only think, tomorrow Percie will
be two years old and his "papa" thirty
six. Another Victrola came yester-
day. If I knew you would stay at
Enid's three months longer, would
send it to you! Mallie is getting
almost out of patience waiting for you.
Her baby is real good nowadays. She
tried gentle a little on it, because
Jessie wanted her to change Gertie's
name for the reason that Nancy could
not speak it plain. Susie & Ida
had said some of the same, but she
would not listen & commenced to cry

I now to close, Sarah dear in haste to Gen.

Hodsdon's last letter. Why don't Mother write one single word in regard to her coming to Bangor? Do urge her going to Hymen by the first suitable opportunity. Do you think of my going with you and Isaac? If you should see Anna's last letter, you would think I could not resist. Please to present the Owner's letter which I sent last, and also the copies which I will send with this. I wonder what will become of the poor Indian.

Tell Alvin that butter is only 37½ cts now - has been for some days and if she has any or can make it, it is a favorable time to sell.

It is almost one o'clock - the Catholic church is all ready & I can hear the organ - I intend to make a few more remarks upon the times, &c when my large sheet is filled.

It was a large & good animal, and I was forced to send in a large bowl full of my dinner to Mrs. Reynes, as I knew we should not want it all. Wish I could have handed it to you Jacobite instead. Why don't Albion write me never a bit? I want to know how she is prospering and feeling now-a-days. Ellen has been most sick with headache for two or three days, nearly a week. She keeps about, & today has taken Jalapine. The cargo of Molasses has arrived at Seaisport. It is to be purged there, to show that our townhouse people have what further Shitcaff will not employ Yankees & swindlers, the Custom Officers help it. They will lose a nice little bunch of money. I wonder when you are coming to Bangor, I keep hoping Fred or Mother will come with you, but I have promised not to tease, so I won't. Good bye

Love

Sister Sue.

a girl like yesterday. I have not seen nor heard from her since I only know that she is alive. There one afternoon last week. There is to be a gathering of the whole family evening for "Mutual recognition and acquaintance". The present plan is just a comfortable - not healthy - buddy with I trace you if it will please me. Samuel brought home a huge lobster last night & greedy I loved it so well, and devoured so much, that it occasioned headache & other troublesome feelings - now sorely afflicted that I have not yet over it enough to enjoy the table - but which I contemplate awaiting for dinner! I had an application last evening to take a piece with Sarah Hartell, in a drawing room entertainment which a party of our little ones are to give - Mrs Hall in evening & her two sons long ago pupils in boarding days of I don't in young gentlemen - Sarah is to play & sing & recite - I

to do for each of them as I do for Susie, I
think I would be entirely justified in
spending it. Miss Bright & came here
Friday & May, yesterday morning. I
did very best to make her stay with
us at home, but she would not hear to
being a power of expense, for coming here
instead of going to the Lovers, & enjoyed
her visit very much. She has had a thin
heart, and is entirely so humorous, that
one cannot but like her company. She
took some tools of ours & made Susie,
some lovely little, and slips of my
house plants. She says I can get a new
honeysuckle root from Mrs. Hue Clinch
by asking her to bring down a branch for me
this year, and a Canterbury bell in the
same way from Mrs. Hugh. Everyone, I
do wish some of you would come & spend
of it, and if it is not too much trouble, I
wish some of the family would take
upon a piece of the old lot & plant my
bush on the west end, and a cinnamon
rose bush to come by steigertime. Susie
does it is just the time to have. Also,
if Charlie can get them, I want some
cuttings of Gilead balsam & the Lombardy

Bangor July 4 - 1865

Dear Sister

I don't know what you will all think of me because you have rec'd no letter for so long a time, but indeed it is not my fault. I wrote a lengthy epistle & delivered it to Elick many days agone, to be sent in the bundle which I supposed he would forward immediately but according to his usual custom, he has delayed sending it till this present, wherefore I have abstracted my letter therefrom and will forward it with this, an encumbrance though it be. I hardly know whether to direct to Phila or Brownville, though in your letter of the 29 - ult'o last Saturday you spoke of going to Brownville tomorrow; yet plans are very liable to be changed and I consider it more than possible that you may

Nor go for some days. Lou were very good to write me such a nice letter and Mallie too for her little note. You don't know how I want to hear everything about you and what you are all doing from day to day. I sent the bread for your dinner & Mary's dresses into the bundle, also "Swiss family Robinson", thinking you would read it in season to send back by Elsie but as the bundle has not gone & Mrs C. has inquired for the books, I have written it out again. Ann Page has returned & has just been in this evening. She is a girl of excellent feeling, and quite intelligent too. If she was the only member of the family, I should like her pretty well. Samuel has just come home, bringing a letter from Isaac & one from Anna to you, which I will enclose.

5— What a fine rain. Made mudded in yesterday, & pleasantly. Our leaves planted garden to the finely.

I [illegible] for the day by day, digging about tomatoes, keeping bugs from vines, watering cabbage plants, weeding beds &c. &c. besides keeping my "fine, fair" in order, which is no little work. I do so love to be out and it does one a world of good. My hands are as brown as your sleeve - as for gloves I can't catch no "fish" with them so I have altogether discarded them. A little of every kind of flower seed has come up except the Four O'Clock Flora, Latin flower, & one or two unknowns, possibly they may come yet, as many kinds have but recently been planted. I was so sorry not to get a root of pitcher plant when at Biela. Anna Page has one & I am confident I could make it live. I suppose you all had a glorious "Fourth" at Biela, but I care how or what I did not envy you a bit. Pic nics never were pleasures of great enjoyment to me. I enjoyed the extreme felicity of hearing our friend Long Jim recount his military exploits. He seemed proud as much

at once as if he had written it twenty years. His subject, his immortality of the soul. He has exhausted it. I never did realize how much he knew on the subject of Metaphysics before. He is a good preacher, if not a fine one. As I expected, my journey did me good after a few days of the fatigue of it. I hardly see how you can wish anybody to come again to Utica, while the mosquitoes are so much as you tell about. I am truly sorry for you. It is so hard in hot weather. For the first few days I was not able to go out except in the yard, but enjoyed the cool evening air. Do not think you will believe I have had no experience in good Yankee cookery, for I have. How hard it is for the cattle now! Do not forget, my dear, to have water for the delicious strawberries. We are going to have an immense quantity of tomatoes, for the number of vines here. Aunt Charlotte did not make more than a dozen bushes in their garden. The beets are large enough for greens, but we have had none yet. Samuel is gone to Boston so much lately that we have no chance to cook anything good to throw in, only a piece of fresh baked beef & half a loaf of bread one day. There are even so many buds on my pear tree — I am going to pick & cook half of them. I wish to leave a few days time. I feel quite tired about the trouble we are going, I mean Elijah ever so much about it. Robbins,

Lucy

June 30, 1853

Bangor June 30 - 1853

Dear Brother Isaac

I have had it in my heart to write to you most every day since you went away, but have allowed myself to neglect it, knowing that Nellie was very faithful & very particularly, & presuming that with so good a correspondent as she is, you would hardly miss any letters. She has probably written you all about Little Fenn's illness at Philo & my return home &c. &c. Which I expected, so I will only say that the dear little fellow is almost well now. His diarrhea troubles him some, but I do not feel at all alarmed about it. I have got safely settled from my journey & we are both and all getting along comfortably. Sam'l has friends stopping at Deansboro and has considerable to do in preparing the rafts for

floatation Hitter. He has been down himself once & will probably have to go once. It is ½ past 9, Saturday night, & Sam'l has just come, bringing a letter from Milo, so I'll bid you good night.

Mond. morn. July 2. Weary with weeding in the jardin, I sit me down to finish my letter, though from what Nettie says in her letter of Sat. night, I think it doubtful if it reaches Ste Anne before you leave there. I do so love to work in the garden, but it is sadly wearying work. Our seeds, which you helped sow so nicely, are up and doing finely. The Cypress Vine only made its appearance a day or two since. Nasturtiums grow like Jigweed, Okra looking well, Corn growing, but some with black bug-eaten, two seeds of the "Nasturtiums" came up, growing nicely, - but above all the weeds, the weeds - how I do have to labor to

keep them in any sort of subjection.
I have gone wholly through my gar-
den once, viz and all, weeded, trans-
planted & thinned out, watering,
emitting, staking up & digging
about. The beds are hardly
done, by Lizzie, Ellen & myself. Thos.
Thorn has hoed the whole garden,
staked the beans, peas &c. and is
now making a gravelled path from
the back gate along by the barn
to the back door, thence to the garden
& gravelling the with middle path,
as also over the drain in front of the
house. O, I forgot to tell you that Six-
teen tomatoes are growing with vigor
& rapidity under my daily tending.
I would write you some of Nettie's letter
but she writes so fast, I presume it
would be nothing new. How I should
have enjoyed seeing those grand old
mountains with you! How little
do the people world I have ever seen!
Aunt L has gone to Keene just to-day,

We are having some extremely hot weather, making me & women sick (almost) and musquetoes & flies are numerous abundantly. I imagine you all accounts that the people on Hilo are woefully tormented with skeeters. Last Sunday forenoon a Rev. Leo, a converted Papist, agent of the Am. For. & Chris. Union preached in Lincoln room. In the afternoon, our favorite student, Rev. Douglass, on the immortality of the soul. He was educated at Amherst & is a great admirer of Bro. Hitchcock. P. P. seems quite like himself - He loves to go out doors & "pick flowers" all the time most, but the Dr. says he cannot only go roughly & promenade. I have got Sam. Colman's "Addresses" & "Sunny Memories" from the Library now. Shall soon read them carefully - Comes up here once in a while - I want to hear all about your visit to Glycine. Hear Mrs. excellent care of yourself & come down - Do write

Your loving brother Chas

A. W. Farber
Bangor

July 1 1855 Bangor July 7th 1855

A. S. Metcalf Esq

We have rec'd various letters from you since you left here we are very glad to hear of your health and we are also pleased that you are going to Minnesota, expect you will give us a favorable report of that country we shall expect you to call on as many of our people there as you can possibly find time so to do and present to each our kind remembrances, Business here is very dull, very little lumber selling and that at low prices, I am sticking boards at Searsport & Hampden. We have had abundant rains here since you left and crops are looking finely, the iron on the Penobscot & Kennebec R. R. will all be laid in a few days so that you can return to Bangor by rail The 4th passed very quietly here no attempt to celebrate further than to fire a salute at sunrise & sunset, ringing of the Bells and burning a few cords of India Crackers, Eve I have just seen Moses Greenleaf who was telegraphed for on account of his wife's health She is at Bucksport very low not expected to recover by last

A. W. Farber

Folio
Color. 28 '55

Bangor Nov. 28, 1855.

Our dear Brother

You will of course
want to hear as speedily as may
be, the good news that you
have another grandchild. A
fine little boy at Elijah's born
at ½ past seven last night,
weighing 6½ pounds, - I was
there in the afternoon, came home
at five o'clock. Mallie had'nt
been very well all day, but felt
better when I left, so I was not
a little surprised to hear that it
was all over this morning. She
had a nice time, is very com-
fortable now (I have been down
this P. M.) and the baby seems
nice & well - nurses finely and
performs all other duties, partic
since he imbibed a small quan
tity of "pumpkin and tea" just

Mrs Ingersoll - Mrs Hayes - Mrs Emily cried for Samuel Lewis Mrs Lewis -

at night - Elijah is delighted with his boy, Nellie is - well, "self-possessed," as Mrs. H. says - or rather contented & satisfied that it is as it is. Hattie did not "cry her eyes out" because it was a boy, as she threatened to do, for her eyes are still shining, bright as ever, though she did cry about it - I talked to her tonight - she said there was no danger of his taking cold, boys were a great deal tougher than girls, that she hardly ever knew a little boy to die &. However, she does think every thing of the baby & will take excellent care of it. She says a great deal more than she means. Percie fairly pimpled with joy & laughed loud when I told him about it - insists upon calling it his little "brither" (sister) Do you realize how much I want

. To hear from all the dear ones
who left me so alone yester-
day - I have been rejoicing for
you all day there the weather
was so fine, but it was so very
windy yesterday morning, that I
fear the babies took cold. I im-
agine you all feel so little
weary tonight - I do hope you
will not neglect to write imme
diately about all your selves.
Nettie, I could pick up quite
a bundle of your things & send
them to you - The pink apron
like Mary's which you took for
the twins hung under the bookcase,
dirty, a pr of gloves on the parlor
mantel, Mary's rubbers in the
slipper drawer, a pocket kerchief,
a cotton slip and a small tow-
el; and your Fowler book Cary in one
of the bedroom drawers - I did not
know it was there. Do you want
them sent any time, or shall I Cary
your salt cellar & Cologne stand, too.

them up for you? Have heard nothing yet from the Pike bridle. Shall write by next mail. Percie sometimes says Mary has gone to Lusta, sometimes to Minnesota sometimes to Lumberton - says he shall take his book and go to Lumberton "pretty soon". He was talking to Sonny this morning & among other things I heard him say "Mrs. Harlow's milk aint <u>dood</u>". I have engaged milk of Mr. Jordan - he says if we will take a gt. per day, he will take pains to bring it all the time from one cow - The other milkmen were unwilling to come so far. I ate my supper & bread & milk & it really tasted like milk. <u>So do write</u> & tell me all the sayings of your darlings & write about the twins, <u>what</u> you have named them, what Mary says & does, how near sick you all are and everything - Very much love to all from your loving sister and daughter Lucy.

Percie says "my dower is done & I never can use my dowers any more - He talks about all

Bangor Oct. 22 – 1855.

Dear Sister Nettie,

I greatly expected a letter from some of you Sat. but as it did not come I will pay you for it, by writing myself. Last Wednes. P.M. I was gladdened by the arrival of Caroline Turner, a nice, pleasant, sensible girl of twenty five, understanding pretty well all sorts of work – She eats with us, which we prefer to have her do, as there is no baby to take care of – comes in like anybody else & sits with me when she likes; sometimes I should prefer being alone to having the company of anybody but our folks, but that is a slight matter – I hope she will have the good sense – not a feeling of inferiority – to sleep out when I have callers & company, for her own sake, as they and I should think so much more of her judgment if she should!

And what pleasure it can give her to present it with entire strangers, who care nothing for her, I cannot imagine. She comes to me in such a way that I can't object, either way. Enough for the present a Court L. Last Thursday, the day after Caroline came, we, that is, Hattie, Nellie & self went shopping, or shopping as Pericles has it. We got a delaine dress for you - dark brown with a tiny cameo & for now and then in the figure to enliven the scene - 22 cts per yd. Said delaine is thought to be very hygroscopical, as it much resembles all wool - one doz. handkfs at 1/ each, 1 Comet & ribbon, all of which were delivered immediately to Miss Page to be saved, for which favor she expressed extreme gratitude, inasmuch that I wished I had more for her to do. Could not find the stuff cuffs, but have selected some cunning small figured, dents for Major & Pericles alike. Your Comet ribbon

I will enclose - we think it can but suit you - is so chaste & rich for the price, 37½ can be turned either side & to crown all, is just as suitable for your mother as for yourself, and for yourself as for your Mother, besides contrasting prettily with your blue inside - you see I am writing what we think about it - your opinion may essentially differ - In our ponderings we lighted on one solitary Thibet long shawl, very nice, for 10 dollars - We thought best to secure it at once for Mother, though if she likes it not, it can be exchanged when she comes. I don't see but she will have to journey in her cloak, as any shawl that would do for handsome when she got there, would be injured by journeying in it. This will be a nice article for a long time, and wonderfully cheap, we thought her, as Maria's Cyprus one, just half as large, was 7 dollars. I got my black silk dress, yd wide, $1,75 per yd, best in the market on Mr. Dutch's word of

The musical convention is here this week from Saturday till Friday - Tuesday evening the great new market hall is to be dedicated - a great concert.

William & Rufus Crosby are both sick away at Kansas - William is sick abed. How much sickness we have this fall. One can hardly smell out doors - Persis finds to go out & pick flowers - poor fellow there'll not be any to pick long. He sweats a great deal night & day - hair is most always wet - He looks so fat and well as everybody says, yet he is not strong & hardly. He has a deal to say about the folks at Niles - asks to go there most every day - & often asks me "How far to Niles 'tis, Mother."

23rd Your nice letter received last night - I cut the dresses this morning, & am sorry to say that I find I shall need more than I expected to make over Persis's dress, so that there will

not be enough for Mary's sleeves, besides if he wears dresses like Percie, he will need two for before winter is gone - so I will get a quarter yard at Ernst's like yours, which is as much like yours as need be.

Handkfs, 1 doz. @ 9 ——	1,50
delaine, 10 yds, 22 cts —	2,20
silicia 1⅛ yds - 12 " —	14
flannel 1⅛ " — ——	1,12
ribbon 3½ " — 37½ —	1,12½
ribbon 5 yds - 1 @ ——	83
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1/4 yds Thibet will be ample. The flannel is hardly as good a bargain as yours, and the ribbon was hardly obtainable at all - we went into almost every shop before being able to find any - then not just like it, and at a higher price than you paid. The reason for white trimmings is just you know. Nothing should be

s. dollars. gloves. 75 cents. 2 collar
twenty cts.

honor. Miss Pease is coming this week Wed. & Thurs. to make it. Wm. Charles Smith formerly of Shiloh, came in & let us with Emmet, & it to spend the night here. Sam'l Ely does not improve much if any. I wonder that his sisters are willing to have him about the store. As his conduct, or rather lack of conduct, is so noticeable. He should sometimes from one to two hours at a time with folded arms, looking at nothing, unless told to do something. Even strangers who come in sadly miss. What can be done for the poor fellow? Elijah went to Rollin Thurs. Has not yet returned - Lafayette Sawyer visited at Wm. Harlow's Saturday & Sunday. He had felt unwell, & might have gone over, so as to say I have seen a father with a son one hundred yrs old. Persis has been more irritable & nervous for time in the past, than ever in his life before. He has had a very bad cold - almost influenza-tonsilitis came from Shiloh, which with his inflamed teeth, has been pretty hard for him. He is just getting over both now, I think. Don't fail to persuade Mother to send me her Ala[illegible] dress, unless she decides & come long enough before you do, to give time to some fixing. I got her a fur & gloves, and a collar, because I knew she so very much

to get somebody to help take care of Lucretia
Lucretia does, even if does worry her. She
has not slept for one minute since yesterday morning.

Oct 2 55 Bangor Oct. 2 / 1855.

Dear Brother Isaac

I have just returned from Hampden, where
we just obliged to go to see about our
girl, as soon as we found Ellen was
really going to leave us Thursday -
was much disappointed to find you
gone - you had only been gone ten
minutes, Ellen said - and you for-
got your little jaunt - I was sorry of
seeing you again & had over so
many things to say.

4 - It is well that you did go, if
Tuesday isn't it? Now won't it be so
hard going that we can't go to Mild?

Ellen left us for good yesterday P.M.
expecting to start for Minn. today,
but I hardly think she has got in
yesterday - The poor girl cried badly
You should have seen her hold Lucretia
away & look in her face as if she

never meant to forget him, then
told his hands in both of hers and
look at him again, without hardly
speaking at all. It seemed to dis-
tress her that he would not feel bad
about her going. He would say over
after her "Nellen going away - never,
never see Percie any more", but he
did not feel it as she wanted him
to. He shall never see her like again
in many respects - I could not help
crying myself - From all accounts,
we are truly to be fortunate in the
next girl - I suppose she cannot
come till next week. Little Charlotte
Chalmers is staying with me a few
days - She is truely helpful & very
pleasant. I gave Percie castings the
yesterday & he cut his gums in eight
places without his making a word
of objection - three great double teeth
just ready to come through & very
much swollen - He slept much more
quietly last night. I felt so sat-

ions two nights before that. I didn't sleep much - he was so very restless, & constantly starting & straightening his limbs. Do you see how faithfully you are whipped, in the first piece in this week's Mirror, by our brother Brien, for writing letters sabbath day? You better never write to him! He wrote & sent that while he was here. See also Sam'l Hall's hairs, and how he didn't let the dirt that "Soldier man" threw, hit him a bit.

Lon and I didn't settle - Lon gave me six dollars & I got two caps, - 1,00

1/4 yd thibet 1,56

7 skns silk - 14

Lining silk - 1

Can't possibly remember how much I paid because I don't know how many yds thibet was - it was 75¢ a yard. Mame tells me to tell him you will without fail, as I want it to go with strength: The things I got before came

to four dollars & something - I am
careless to forget it, but there have
been so many ways to think lately,
Sarah Harlow is to be married next
week - they have great times making
cake this week - Her getting out is
on a large scale, I imagine - I was
troubled because you did'nt get any
dinner, I fear - you ought to have
gone into the store soon before you
went down town again after you
came back. Would'nt it be
nice if Lizzie was here now? What
a big room! Mr. Braddee to see
her there last night - well good
bye - write soon & often - Love to all
From Sister Lucy.

Two o'clock, P. M. Sam'l has come,
says that Gertie has cried without ces-
sation since yesterday morning - has been
carried all the time - Marion is sick
abed today - vomiting &c. Sammie is
sick so he has not been out today - They
do have a very hard time - they will have

Dear Sister

Yours received a while ago, & I was glad to hear from you. I have written you a letter before this, but I suppose you have not received it yet. I have been very busy lately, & have not had time to write as often as I would like to. I have been to Mrs. Hall's quilting, & to Mrs. Hall's party, & to Mrs. Hall's dinner, & to Mrs. Hall's supper, & to Mrs. Hall's breakfast, & to Mrs. Hall's tea, & to Mrs. Hall's lunch, & to Mrs. Hall's dance, & to Mrs. Hall's ball, & to Mrs. Hall's concert, & to Mrs. Hall's lecture, & to Mrs. Hall's sermon, & to Mrs. Hall's prayer meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Sunday School, & to Mrs. Hall's Bible class, & to Mrs. Hall's Missionary meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Temperance meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Anti-Slavery meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Woman's Rights meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Abolition meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Colonization meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Peace Society meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Total Abstinence meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Prayer meeting, & to Mrs. Hall's Bible class, & to Mrs. Hall's Sunday School, & to Mrs. Hall's dinner, & to Mrs. Hall's supper, & to Mrs. Hall's breakfast, & to Mrs. Hall's tea, & to Mrs. Hall's lunch, & to Mrs. Hall's dance, & to Mrs. Hall's ball, & to Mrs. Hall's concert, & to Mrs. Hall's lecture, & to Mrs. Hall's sermon, & to Mrs. Hall's

he would like her to board, saying she could find no other place, where she could be "benefited morally & intellectually", &c. &c. But I persisted in telling her "nay" and her high seated expectations were dashed to the ground! I divided my time very impartially between talking with her in the parlor & pouring Mr. Scruggs' tea in the dining room. Before she had gone, or Mr. L. who thought supper, Mr. Hamilton called to see Samuel, & immediately after Mrs. H. left, Mr. & Mrs. Sewall from Brownsville appeared, bag & baggage, horse and cart, to spend a spell with us. They have gone tonight over to Mr. Litchfield's; are coming here to pack up and start in the morning. They came as a hoping expectation. We have enjoyed their visit nicely & I guess they have. Mr. S. is the seventh minister who has taken tea with us since we've been here. Hattie, Charlie & Pa went

quarterly
shopping this afternoon - National meeting this P.M. But we were too tired to go. Marion walked up here & back yesterday & walked down street today but rode home. Hattie brought me some nice plants & bulbs. She is a whole team - I just heartily envy about Marion now. Hattie is improving daily. I want to hear very often how you all are - do let me, won't you? How very very sad about Mr. Rider - why did he let those bungling doctors do it for him? I have not had a letter from Alameda for a long time. I have written to send by Mrs. Sewall. I neglected to get it into the Office yesterday. What a sad, sad prospect for them. Have you heard of Mary Downey's death - She had been sick a long time as her father is, but was considered better & had gone to her husband at N. J. She was expecting to come & visit us during June & July. You have undoubtedly heard of Lea. Act-

sons' sudden death last week - Walter
to the Institution perfectly well, was taken
with heart disease there & died im-
mediately after getting home. You
recollect Mat Mr. Thompson used to
him in the Independent - He hardly
would expect to hear of his death so
soon - a good man has gone - his
life was almost irreproachable. Please
send the enclosed slip and return it
or save it for me. Sam'l goes to Lees-
port or Oldtown or Stillwater almost
every day. We are feasting on shell
beans & sweet corn - we have a few
the Limen beans, or I suppose they are.
Lizzie picked the corn yesterday for
both families & by mistake, picked
21 ears of seed corn - as disobliging as you
can imagine. It is astonishing how
Lizzie can work when she is at play.
Perrie is just as good & sound as ever - two
of his swollen teeth are through - he says
"glad as nothing" all day long, especi-
cially if he can get plenty of flowers with
"make bolay for Mamma". I let him be
out doors almost all the time, for the weath-
er is so cool - He very rarely pricks off in

Bangor Aug. 7 - 1855 -

Dear Brother Lucas

I will write a few words this morning to tell you how disappointed we have been every day not to get a letter from you - We supposed of course that you were cured by getting to Hills, so we could not think sickness prevented your writing - though seriously I have worried some last night in the hot sun might have harmed you. Why did'nt you get inside when you started.

Last Friday P. M. Mr. & Mrs. Francis Shepherd of Portland came here & staid till Wednesday noon Sat. Aug. 4th by cars for. Lizzie came Mr. Packard with his bride - Samuel saw him on board the boat - he said he had no place provided when he returned, so I

as is his work, invited them to come
neighbors here. He is to preach at
our Church four Sabbaths, during
Rev. Shepard's absence, & the Com.
to whom he would look to provide
a boarding place, are out of town.
So you see how we "entertain strangers".
It looks as difficult to get
a boarding place, & I think very
likely they will stay here the
three weeks. Mrs. Harlow invited
them quite cordially to spend
two or three days with them, but
in her smooth way let them know
very plainly that they must stay
all the time. It would seem rather
natural, as he was in the family
for about two years when he studied
he asked to make a home there. Mrs.
Shay are extremely pleasant people
Mrs. P. was Miss Mrs. Wm. Bennett,
only you see a better looking & she
has been a teacher of Seminaries.
She is very pretty, & was a-

trust the house for Rain to catch her, has a very winning, friendly way with her, and is so good & sensible. I should love to tell you some of the nice things Mrs. P. says about Mrs. Harlow - She reminds me much of Josephine in his Dry wit. He says, "I'm afraid of Mrs. Harlow". He says she will crowd just as hard as it will do on Mr. Harlow, to accomplish some purpose of her own, making him think it is solely for his happiness & well-being, is exceedingly shrewd & sees just how far it will do to go, and if she finds it won't go, she will back out the handsomest of anything that ever was seen". I hope you take good care of that precious tomatoes of. I do think you ought to go up & see Almeda again. We have tomatoes as large as a hen's egg. Mrs. Shepherd sent over so much fruit to everybody. Christmas in particular. Ellen has decided to wear

go with her Brother in two months — I should like a little more time to find a girl, but I don't know as it will make any great. By present arrangement, Mrs. Leo is going to Atlanta this evening to be absent a week or ten days. I want a letter from you all anxiously — I want to hear from you and about Lucy and Mary. Send a letter just as soon for you, also two documents which I think you ought to see to interest Mother & keep her out of mischief, of which she is in imminent danger (there you have an Irishism) You will please acknowledge without fail the receipt of this letter. From Mrs. Robbins Thomas and both Mr. & Mrs. Moore are all well. I forgot to tell you that in the midst of this rush of this correspondence, Mr. Fielder Mr. Moore & Cecil came in to tea. I have not been about to finish before she got home. Black has come to stay. Cathie is getting better, but she may go worse again — P.S. Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Smith

Lucy. Bangor July 31. 1855
Nels July 1. 1855

Bangor July 31 - 1855.

Dear Sister Nettie

Isaac did intend to go to Nels today, as he will tell you, but the rain and his bodily ailings prevented. I have been quite fearful that he would be really sick. You must take good care of him. He will tell you what nice letters and daguerreotypes he brought me, to say nothing of an elaborately wrought collar from Theodore's wife and a double load of agates from the hills & dells. Jennie is asleep and I take my time to write. he has not been quite well for a day or two - last night I feared the dreaded bowel complaint - had discharges with the same sickening smell. He is better today. Lizzie has just returned from Mariei's whither I sent her for tidings of Jennie. She has been better & worse alternately for

some days - better today - They still hold to the Homeopathic treatment, but it seems to me that Lizzie is very much as Percie was last summer, - a little better now and then, but every ill time a little worse than the one that preceded it, so long as Dr. Payne attended him. Tell Mother I don't know where she finds strength and smartness to write. She seems to me an unusually delicate, tender child. It seems to me that she could not bear a tithe of what Percie did last year, but I don't know. I believe I wrote Mother about the Commencement. I wrote it to somebody at any rate. I wish you could have heard Rev. J. P. Thompson's Lecture. Mr. Leo took tea here last night - Samuel was away at Searsport for which I was sorry, and Leo not detained yet, for which I am sorry. I fancy if you knew that Lizzie was here all this while since Saturday, you would

feel a little more uneasy than you do!
You are very good to tell me of Hazel's
sayings and doings - I hear do so
every time you write - I love to know
them dearly. Percie don't say so
much, but he seems to understand
pretty well about mailers and things.
He is very fond of flowers, wants them
all the time, will handle them over &
arrange them for an hour or two at
a time in silence, only now & then
saying to himself, "Per make bolay
for Mamma". It is very warm and
sultry today. Things in the garden
do grow wonderfully. I have a lemon
shrub growing nicely, one that Mrs.
Page ordered for me, however. One
slip of the monthly rose Enid. We
got several varieties of verbena slips,
about half of which are alive now.
I can tell you how I manage
my verbena bed effectively in
the garden, another time. I love
Give Emery Jim Lange Jones &

the door. If it keeps on, it will ruin
whatever everything before Jan. The Austria
is nicely bedded also. Your remarks
in relation to the "profanation of
Christ" by Mrs. Harlow amused me
very much. I have ordered two of
the four Swedish Lace with pansies,
one with Iceland Moss and the fourth
plain lace with Shiffer. I did feel a
little sorry that you and Brother should
leave Almeda so soon. And now I seem
will not want to go there as he will be daily
looking for a Message from Chicago.
Why did not Albina keep the girl she had?
Please tell Brother that I sent in two days
of Albina's in the bundle, (or rather sent
him to Elizabeth & he sent he put them in)
which were all I could find. Did she
give me more than two? Jennie tells a
good deal about all of you & seems to
remember everything he saw & did while
there. I asked him one day who made the
flowers - "Mamma." I did not wonder at his
answer because I work in the garden so
much. Next I asked who made Uncle Lucius &
his answer was quickly, as he looked up in
my face, "Papa". Well, good by - with much
love - Sis Lucy.

Lucy

July 6. 1855

Sawyer, July 6 - 1855.

Mine dear Brother

Your most acceptable letter of June 29 was rec'd last night. It is now quarter past eight P. M. Samuel is at the store as usual, Lucia S. P. in his crib asleep, Susie eating peanuts on the lounge, & Ellen in the kitchen knitting. I have been in the garden watering and weeding since tea. I do great business now, I can assure you - Thats for tattily bricking to the garden, tieing you all about the garden and downing labor of your hands is for rejoicing, but I think it doubtful if you got the letter before leaving. I am quite a husbandman these days, and my out door labors are decidedly beneficial ones. I have thoroughly weed my Irish patch, & now is ready a wait to be seen in the potatoes &

or elsewhere, have transplanted and arranged nicely, and besides have almost wholly weeded the beets & parsnips, tended the vines to keep away the bugs, digged about the tomatoes & trellised all things about faithfully. I like Watson but then so well that I forget to come in & visit him. Mrs Hicks frequently. The Otero is doing finely and two stalwarts of Mrs. Page's "three Sisters" are up & looking well. Jim Dawson has been here and hoed the garden patch around & &. The birds are busting down by the dozen into pro-fessing & the potatoes looking beautifully. I have nipped off half the buds for the benefit of the vines. I want you here to look at things with me, though I doubt if you know anything about them. Mary Keller would bring a bit home occasionally, I should like to see your home once more. The well is here & about this season. We buy

Mercy sake by Wednesday taking down
there and fairly by Thursday. Thinking
that may be a sale for them next
winter when it would be different to
get them from here. This lumber busi-
ness, as it is at present, is a sad perplexity. I guess you have heard
from Nettie all about Fenis's illness
at Nicks & how I came home with him
&c. &c. I intended. He was quite
sick two or three days after I got
here - discharged a good deal of
blood - but I think that & the fit all
occasioned by eating string beans boil-
boiled without sufficient steaming, as he
passed one almost whole two days
after eating it. He seems a little too
much relaxed all the time & I am
afraid to be constantly carried in
arms and to his chair, although he is
well about. Fish thinks it going to him
to for Thursday next Thursday. Thurs-
day Fish & all gone to Wm Mills
and I guess I shall stay here for

and come back with a few pieces to keep
me company. I would like going
to Hannibal or Quincy as well as
any place. Mr. Lewis is from Quincy &
we often have a time with Phillies
and Kaufus. Their address is Mc Fi-
lon, Lewis & Co. They have
long run a clothing, boot & shoe and
store, for their spring orders in which
time Phillies would like, he intends
going to St. Louis to buy goods. They
seem like doing well, but their pa-
rents are intensely Baptists & con-
sider dancing a very awful. Phillies
is ready to leave & entertain to start
I believe as soon as engagements
can be obtained, they are only
waiting for. Carrie Pierce is
Theodosia, I like that better than Theo
with the d. Don't know as I have any
more of the local. Ella Brown, Lewis,
but I think you would like up some
pretty little curiosities, send them in your
hands. May our Father keep you in his
keeping through all your journeyings, may

Lucy - Bangor Dec 9. 1855
Dumbarton - Dec. 1855

Bangor Dec. 9 - 185-

Dear Sister Nellie

I am very well & studying and lonesome with studying, and I don't believe it will be naughty (brother Rider to the contrary notwithstanding) for me to talk a little with you, if it is Sunday. It is quarter past 2 P.M. but it seems as if we have had a long evening already since dark. It snow burned to rain speedily It snows long & was dark early. Percie had his supper of bread & milk in a tin dipper, & went to bed, then in the same dipper I ate my bread & milk, "shaking off" with a bit of a stick. Presently, Caroline took her turn at the evening's eat, as did her father. Before her I ate mine but the dipper did, & he was fed in the morning when Hiram is done his water. The above is the order of evening meals. Caroline & I will wonder if we get the world to move till Jan - Ho - ly a

"Uncle Q Jolley" & left "Eatings" pine"
& engaged Emilk, which is really
pure good, & Evans Indeed - I shall
feel human too unwilling to come so l...
for me Confessor. We do have strangely
long days in Dec. this year! Can you
account for it? Particul... (& wickedly,
doubtless) this Sabbath day, when we
must "neither work nor play", can't
go to meeting & get tired of thinking!
Had a nice letter from mine Fannie
last night, else I should have been ab-
lutely homesick - We write from N. G. and
Hi last from Cleveland - eight days be-
tween the time of receiving them. I have
been reading today in the two last Inde-
pendents two more long articles by
Beecher to the N.Y. Evangelists - I want
to know if you have the paper, & how I
must send them ... - I have lots
more both good & bad to tell you of your
stay here - Good bye as long as I
could breathe at Cleveland, dear,
Hat. I did love Evelyn, for her pure

She has some notions, but then, she's a good girl - invaluable, to Elijah & Marian - She ought to commit matrimony. Among all the names they have thought of, they say they shall decide between Wharton & Carroll - They have given Emmet the "go by", notwithstanding Phallie's fear that she should be disappointed in another quarter! She never thought of Carroll to go with Carlton - however you did not take it. The little fellow is a cunning little rogue with quite a pretty phiz even now, & really a high forehead - grows fat every day - cries very little, sleeps most all the time - Elijah fidgets if he coughs or sneezes or wrinkles up his nose! If you were here, wouldn't Phallie & I have some fun with you about various things! Did you ever notice, when you were here & the Comet shone on the flower stand, the shadows of the different plants on the ceiling united? They are very beautiful - I never saw

them till a day or two since - that shows how much we lose by using the mucilage so much and looking up a title, does'nt it? I have had quite a lot of letters from Newton & Isaac which I intend to answer soon, but thought I would first answer the one which I knew you would have written if you had got so many babies", as Isaac says - How many do you take this morning do many babies, dearie dear? Ask Isaac! Mother changes me it - go out, with Percie - I don't know as I ever went from home so much in the same time in my life as in the last two weeks. I don't mind but the neighbors will think I am using my liberty while I can get it. Now Samuel is away - have been down to Eliab's almost every day - Caroline & Percie walked down one day. He is very much interested in the baby - generally calls it his "brother" or his "little", sometimes says 'tis Justin, or another Justin. He

frequently says, "Mary's" [illegible] gone to Cedar, sometimes it's "Charlestown", & I must see to "Mary Ann" &c. &c. I always write back "Jane's my name & Mary is coming behind me with a load of wood" &c. Elijah sent Mr. Chapman up for me the other day after. I went away, Jane said, in her hesitating way, "When-my-father-comes-home-I-will-tell-my father-that-my-mother-went away-with-a man". I thought if I was to be reported in that way, I might as well "go" at once, so I rode immediately to Sam's. Today he saw somebody coming up the street and called "There's my wife", meaning "wife". Have had a letter from Philo; they know nothing of the trouble, except that he has left at the P.O. & the P.M. keeps it until it. I am so sorry the trouble fell as upon us before I got letter and I not [illegible] [illegible] Mary, that, the afternoon before, [illegible]. I have spoken a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

tion of deluxe Le Grand, trimmed with a narrow edge
of Le Grand ribbon that I have just made with Black
[illegible], for $3.50 - very reasonable, we think.
Mrs. Crosby & Rufus were here Sat. P.M. by the
way, I forgot to say that the Mondt, we now
would like from Chuck's uncle are Mr. Julian
Brundage) Rufus just [illegible] Kansas - very much
out of practice - has suffered much from severe
headache, pale, with some cough - he cannot
see very much at present - Mrs. C. very much
discouraged at not seeing the twins - did not
know they were sent till they had gone - Mrs. C.
just not here to stay for a good while - Poor
Jim! he is running down with the leg, he a gain.
Another year of write hardness for him & his family.
The last time he read it, he started off to Boston
one day, Rufus gone again, & Mrs. C. could not [illegible]
[illegible] him) was found next day laying on a bench
in Boston Depot - hatless - unconscious - he
[illegible] - he took him in [illegible] hand,
[illegible] him up & led him home - when Mrs. C. came
to herself he was in [illegible] bed. Mr. Crosby
hardly [illegible] him down, scolding unmercifully
Mrs. C. told him if he would never mention it he
would [illegible] him his horse - [illegible] was
was just [illegible] Grand died, when he was
last with Jay [illegible] & Steve Crosby with [illegible] of
[illegible] his mother has [illegible] - Can we
[illegible] Mrs. C. how to [illegible] Mrs. Jones
[illegible] for Caroline one [illegible] [illegible]
the sleeves, long [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] - I did not [illegible] [illegible]
The girls have not [illegible] from [illegible]
saying that Sammie after his letter, singing
for [illegible] called me a [illegible] [illegible] animal -

While you were here, there seemed to be all the time so much going on, so many things to be said & done, that there was no time for us to stop & love one another & always thinking afterwards of so many things that I ought to have done but did not do, for the comfort of all of you that I always feel sad after any of you go away. The fault is all in myself - I am & always was so much given to being "careful and troubled", that I do not give myself up to the enjoyment of things as I go along, half enough. I am so glad for you, Nellie, that you are safely anchored in front with the little ones, & got along with them so nicely on the way - Mrs. Hurlow would call it a special providence that the weather was so fine. I don't know but she is right - that in our many daily blessings, we ought to consider the special love & care of our Heavenly Father to us, more than we do. Our Prayer meeting came last Wednesday night. Our subject was "Contentment"

Received Jan. 31. 1856
Answered Feb. 1 1856

Bangor Jan. 30 - 1856.

Dear Sister Nettie

I really intended to write to you long before this, but Mr. Rider & Almeda have been here & you know when we have somebody to talk to, we don't think so much about writing. They have been here a fortnight - have gone this morning to Ellsworth to make a visit - perhaps to stay the rest of the time. As we think Mr. Rider thinks he may need to keep him a fortnight longer - Does not like to perform the operation as it would be difficult & dangerous, so he is trying, by the application of caustics, to destroy the remainder of the gland. It is not painful. She otherwise is not better than last fall. I am afraid you are feeling very anxious about Sarah and I am sure it is not to [illegible] if you do. It [illegible] escape! [illegible]

we feel thankful enough that our dear one was spared. I am astonished that the fright & anxiety did not make Mother quite sick. Surely goodness & mercy have followed us all the days of our life - Hattie and baby uninjured, our dear Isaac so mercifully saved. As a family, how much cause we have for gratitude to God for the gracious manner in which he has dealt with us all along our way. Percie was quite sick twice these days last week, as probably Charlie mentioned in her letter - Croup two nights, though it did not get bad as before, and very feverish and miserable for some days - He is getting better, but to-day he ate not much appetite yet. He is sleeping in his crib by my side while I write, 11 A. M. His continual desire is "tell me story" - I thought he would have given it up long before now, but it seems to grow upon him, rather.

He has been very well all winter till this ill turn. It almost seemed as if nothing would hurt him - has been out about every day - when it is pleasant. I plan to get him ride down with Mr. Martin, & walk with Sam'l. He talks a great deal about Mary - has most of his play arranged with reference to her. How I want to see Mary with his head and cheeks - Give him a good solid hug and a shower of kisses from Aunt Lucy. We are greatly amused with his funny expressions. Percie was on his knees the other day. I did not notice him particularly, but told him not to get on his knees - he looked up & said "I helping Father pray to God." His grammar is almost precisely like Mary's. He uses the possessive case in the same way, & the other day as Caroline was combing her hair in the kitchen, he came in saying, "Her is combing Her hair". Words beginning with "h" and "r", he is very apt to begin with

"th". One day he was saying "I
talking about for. "Th..." this or
th (Parkin. very respectfully said) "She
dot a brown & her name is Thuth".
One day Samuel killed a mouse in his
bedroom with his slipper & threw it out
doors. I don't know how many times
Percie has told me, "Father killed a mouse
last in the bedroom with his slipper &
then threw it out do doors & it was
frozen to dat - my finger off dat." He
was looking at the bundles in my bag &
finding several which were pairs of his
garments, he exclaimed "my finger has
many nesses I have dot". Looking out
the window very thoughtfully for some time
one day, he said "God is out do doors
up in the Heaven". I write you so much
about his sayings & doings because I
love his dear, every one about things.
He cannot Percie to Riley a great deal
while he was here. Was so glad you like
your visit. He had no letter to
Christmas & seems sad. They seem so
nice. What did you say & he did to
feel when you read of that dreadful
night at Albany? It is such a blessing to
think to Jesus & have reminded me

presentiment of evil. Lo. Fuller
he needs hour is about expiring Ste-
phen. Stephen Fullerton's
partner Underdunk at State of by Yellow
fever, sick only a fortnight - had
been but three weeks home from Europe.
It is a sad blow to the family. Fevers
are very prevalent up country - scarlet
fever & measles are about here. Willie
Rider cut his knee badly Thanksgiving
day - It is now a bad scrofulous sore
He has suffered very much - She fears
are fearful she may lose his knee,
though they hope it is a little better.
Dr. Ino. Dunn is going up to see it
if it is not decidedly better soon.
How dreadful this disaster is! How
thankful I am that Willie has not
lose children! Samuel went to Seven-
foot Point last week Wednesday to load a
vessel with lumber, back Saturday
because Kenie was sick, and very again

Wednesday to be gone a week or more.
Elijah went this morning to Sedgwick
Blue Hill, Deer Isle &c. to be gone
three or four days. We have the Life
of Douglass to read. Have you read it?
Very interesting - Hattie sent it into
Portland, & had it bound to the
Lamplighter, I believe, but I thought
I could not afford time to read it. I
want to see a certain book of the
forthcoming sometime soon. Sentry,
the 1st Book I should be particular about
this month. Mr. Brier brought to
us the Standard big to read - "Inside
View of Slavery" and "The Refugee".
Did you see in the papers, a piece
of the sermon we had at Orrington about
Mrs. Rose's lectures? A "Rose is a Rose"
in good earnest. I fear
you thought strange that
dear Georgie's buttons,
weighed three pound
just as much as
fair. I often look

pink & pink into a letter sometime, unless I can run down to see you in the spring before going West, as we expect he will. Your little cradle quilt came in the bundle, but no little shirt. Albina could find none. I wonder if you will be astonished when I tell you that I have worked the collar (stamped) that Hattie gave me. It looks very handsomely. Have not a very great deal of work. I should have enjoyed seeing your face when you read Phil's last letter! I wrote to Phil but don't suppose I could cheat her. The four little creatures are both dead. We have had a little extremely cold weather, though nothing to the cold & storms west of us. Today it is very comfortably mild. We have had a few good lectures this winter, particularly Mr. Gates' of Pawtucket. Most of them we have missed. I have seen several. I suppose

this week for Carlie's is nearly over.
S. & I have been out two afternoons
making calls - have several more
names on my list. Called on Our
Min. Mr. J. Harris & his wife. They
are much liked. Hattie, Pearlie &
I were all at home for seven solid
hours after little "Wilmot" was
born - I don't know as his name
is Wilmot; they have spoken of it. I
never did see such a good creature
as Hattie is. She keeps the baby in her
bed till one or two o'clock, then Carrie
& Minnie dress & feed him, Carrie dresses
herself, bathes baby & keeps it till 8
o'clock so Hattie can sleep. Pearlie
hardly knows what the care of a baby
is. They both seem almost like our
sisters now. I like Hattie every day
more & more - She has a large heart.
Sammie is lovely & cheerfully industrious.
I should love to see you keeping house.
I think it can't excellent arrangement
every way. You will know what it is
to have a home over with Pa. I do
not wonder you cannot find it in your
heart to leave us as often as you can -
With much love to you, parents & friends &c. Yours

Very dear Brother
and thankful were we to hear, by
your letter, of your safe arrival at
Dunbarton. We have felt unusually
anxious about you on this journey,
since that dreadful night at Albany.
I want to see you, to know how you
look after it. I think it is a great won-
der that Mother was not entirely pros-
trated and unable to go on the next
day. How wonderful in goodness to us
is our Heavenly Father, & how thought-
less & unthankful we are in view of
all his mercies - what poor returns
our hearts make him. I imagine
that each bookseller in Edenfo. had
one copy of "Home". Eliab succeeded
in getting one, which we have all read.
Susan sent a copy to this store for Sam'l.
the same night. You & Jos. & Hannah

saying that you had forwarded some copies to us. We, in our partiality, think it a nice little book, certainly, it seems to me, of a better tone & tendency than many lately written books. Whether it would interest strangers as much as it does us, I dare not say! Annie was very much pleased with it. The "Bangor Journal" gave it rather a smashing notice - said among other things, that there was "nothing very thrilling about the book". I have seen it noticed in the N.Y. Observer & Evangelist. Shall I lend it to Uncle Arthy? I am confident it would go better with a different title - something more taking. I fear Annie & Miss Coleman would both, more or less, of them need a fortune out of it. We had a letter from Nellie the same day we got yours. It seems all the cats brother has been South and went this winter. We have had

for very few days of severely cold weather, though a long time without much warm. For fifty consecutive days, ending the eleventh of February, the snow did not thaw at all in the streets! Twenty seven below Zero is the coldest weather we have had & that only one or two mornings. John Justin wrote that for the fortnight preceding this 25th of Jan. 10 below was this warmest morning & most of that time it was from 30 to 40 below. The last time Justin wrote, the Mercury was frozen up - by spirit thermometer 40° below. Sam'l has been at Searsport about three weeks in all, loading vessels - only a few days at a time, however - expects to go again soon. You want, of course, think of going west to stay, without just stopping down here to see us first. I long to jump in upon you & see how you & Nellie look &

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ing house; I don't doubt you feel quite as well as you look! By the way, I see you ask Nellie. (Marie wrote for Cora almost as long a letter for that, but in the weighty comparison of her letter she for got everything else) if she thinks it would be possible for us to get two of those black girls she told us about, to come here next summer, to stay always or even for three months if two came (one for each of us) they might be more contented, Mary is going away because they do not let her cook enough - wants to go where she can do all the work - They will do without her a while. Caroline will stay with me till after or May. Then I want a good smart girl, so that I can strengthen myself in the garden if I wish. Please write us the prospect in that direction in your next. Mr. Richard Almeda went home the 16. his face nicely healed at last. We have not heard from them since. Lizzie is com- ing the first of Apr. to go to school. Have you seen Brother's piece in the Independent on Kansas, an extract from a lecture, I believe. Mr.

Lucy March 25 56

Your good brotherly letter was rec'd a few days since & re-
freshed me greatly. It had been a
long time since I had since I had been
so favored before. You had probably not
rec'd mine when yours was sent. The
books and money arrived safely, as
I think you have been informed. Samuel
says that Elisha wrote to you, directing
to Olympia, in relation to the grain
speculation, &c. I am sorry you feel in
such a quandary about business - wish
I knew enough to advise & help you -
out of it. Why would'nt it do to come
right to Banger & open an Office, as you
spoke of - you know Uncle Natty says
there would be found an abundance
of business here - I dare say he would
have his "real estate" all turned over
over to you - other with if necessary to

high you employ it! Really, I am serious - I can't see why it would not be a fine plan, till railroading business starts again - when not otherwise occupied, you should have employment at good wages in our garden, which would be good for your health & spirits, you know! Any way, we would all have a nice time & enjoy ourselves. I think you have staid at Dunbarton about long enough for once - It is time for you to comfort your friends in their pasts with your presence. We do all want to see you & Nettie & "Fitzy-Hitzy-Smart-Spoken" and the growing babies. If you don't speedily find a better opening, I desire you to consider seriously the matter of a removal to Bangor. I should not suppose you could ever think of taking your family to Southern Illinois, & it is too hard for you & for them to be separated so much. Nettie, too, I think had better take his wife & children

there and Come right down Home & Stay-
for & find a home till engineering Comes
into fashion again. Think about it &
tell me your mind, won't you?

Two copies of "Home" have been forwarded to Phila & Boonville - I am truly delighted that Mr. Putnam likes the book as well. I imagine that Charles & Almeda will heartily appreciate "Engineering Stories". How we Campfired at the name. I think 'tis a nice book. The "Bangor Journal" said it was "perfectly safe for any lady to read - there was nothing telling about it". The notice in the Evangelist reminded me of "damn with faint praise". I like the chapter on the death of Alger & the text in the book particularly. I have had letters from Mother & Anna & Almeda lately. Mother seems to enjoy herself finely, as she says notwithstanding. Anna & the Dr. are the "biggest treats in the state". It seems Anna has had two invitations & is going down to have another of 2 weeks

Mr. Tucker's face was a study when he went home, but I wonder what it was that there is a place to cut. Oh, the fool of a fellow that was a little. I believe I told you that after much perplexity & the use of dilute healing, the Dr. succeeded in extracting from the wound two small bunches of clotted blood the size of a pin head. When Dr. Shepherd performed the operation, it began bleeding after it was done up & he did not, as he should have done open it again & cleanse the wound. It healed immediately after that was done. If there is more there, how can it ever get out at so small a place? Dr. Poe thinks the other cancerous places decidedly better. Mrs. Poe is just. You would have laughed to see Percie play in the snow this morning an hour or more, till his coat & mittens were completely plastered with it. I never shall dare to mention any of his speeches again, after hearing of Virgil's. I am very glad you send the Ledger home to Worster. I send the "School Visitor" to Worster this year. We do take the Maine Farmer & like it much. I am glad Dr. De Witt has somebody to argue with him. He is so stiff, I should despair of effecting any thing in him. Sam'l did like their place much, but it was much cluttered with cubic inches - he was there. William Crosby is still in Kansas. Perhaps Edwin came home with the first of winter & is going back again. I should love dearly to go to Elysian with you, but have wanted to stay, & rather think I shall. Lucie now tells Edwin is ready to go to Maine & go together. I have a real fear of visiting him. Please do write often & think sometimes of me & Percie & Lucie & Hattie.

Samuel Locke to Robert Dunlap
Aug 16 1776

Dunlap

April 16th 1856 Brother Isaac Yours of the 11th inst was rec last Eve. Lucy tells you of her sickness we hope she is now improving and that as soon as she is able to go out that the air and a contact with the earth will build her up, we very much wish that if consistent with your other duties and obligations that you with Nettie and the young people would spend the Summer here. we will make the best provision we can for your accomodation and comfort and furnish you with all the employment we have in your line of business. gardening and Engineering. There has been a sort of Crisis in the affairs of P & R's and the Manatuck Bank. which to a considerable extent affects our business. most particularly our Co in Boston. The Bank as you were probably aware was a kind of Family institution. owned principly by P & R & their friends and was run into stock

water by P & R, and was obliged to call upon the other Bks here for help who refused whereupon by the exertions of P & R and F & M and their friends it was enabled to redeem all its bills and sustain itself although it is of no assistance but a burden for the present. P & R secured the Bk by mortgage and some of their (P & R) creditors have laid attachments upon their property. Prior to this (and perhaps the prime cause of it all) was the sickness of Capt Pendleton. he was attacked with severe fits in Feby which still continues. and he probably can live but a short time. has not had his reason since his first attack. we hope these things will not be the means of failing us and probably will not unless it makes our Boston Creditors afraid to trust us

Elizabeth to Boston Monday

to buy goods on fail, Mr Rose says that we must not fail and it is in his power to sustain us if so determins, of all these matters we shall know more in a few days, and perhaps we should be very glad to avail ourselves of the benefit of your offer, About two weeks since I deeded to you by warranty my house and lot for a consideration of $3500, for you and my security, not knowing for a few days but that we might all go by the board, We ice left our river this day and we shall soon have a fleet of vessels in our harbor, am in hopes to give better account of our health and physically and financially in a few days

Truly L. W. Gerber

Boston April 24/56

Brother Isaac

Yours of the 22d
just rec'd, Elisha returned
from Boston to day, has bo't a
stock of goods on as he thinks
favorable terms. our credit
being on a par with them
or esteemed to be
we trust that there are brighter
days in the future for us,

Lucy has been somewhat better
since I wrote you. She took a
little cold yesterday and is not
so well to day. a good deal of
head ache and a kind of
Neuralgic pain darting
through her shoulders & neck
we hope that in a few weeks she
may be much better & being at

Nellie hopes a sickness not without hope. Percie is a very good boy and takes a pride in waiting upon Mowen. I hope you will decide to come to Bayou we should all be very glad to see you and not [illegible] to see Nellie with you.

In relation to your $1000 we would be glad to use it for you for such time as you might wish to spare it, of course we would not take it with the least suspicion of not being able to pay it when you might want, whatever in any event becomes of us we intend to protect and shall protect our friends our liabilities are almost

entirely in notes which gives us an advantage in the event of having to fail. he would like for you to take your money in your pocket and come and see us, Elick is too tired and busy to write to night

Good By

L. W. Gerber

S. A. Forbes Bangor

April 24 '56

Dear Sir

Lucy - Bangor May 6 1885
Debarlow

go on the 5th to Chicago, the day-Tuesday, the day of Elizabeth's sister's wedding, but my heart & soul are here with you. Dear Love I feel that God has united you & me for ever - Nothing can ever separate us - Nothing, not the wrath of Man - May God have mercy, & bless us both & bring us together, either for a day in Boston, visiting Lowell - please don't leave him to stay after Tuesday - you can't know how I want & love to talk to my Mother Cabot, & see dear Susie & Lizzie & Edith, & all those I love dearly, but when I go to Chicago, to have nobody else to talk to, sometimes I feel you are nearly as far. Dearest love I will be back - Walter & Hattie came up after Sunday concert, & having no fuss & trouble of them very well this spring, & I feel happy & free - One great trouble will be now to write my poor distressed

I suppose because I cough & spit so much that there is no good in pain to help digestion - It seems to me that a person in consumption could never raise more than I have for the last ten weeks - I tell the neighbors that I am in consumption - They look at me & wish for it to Caddie! We have been expecting Lucie every day for a long while he does not come - Jennie's first question almost every morning is, "Do you hear Lucie?" He thinks Mary is entertaining Lucie alone - He is out doors almost all the time, brown as a berry, dirty as a pig & ragged as me - has worn out everything & I can't make any more now even if he would stay to do it - I am fearful that my disorder will not let me see Lucie at all this summer - For day I don't know - I go to Mr. Hall's room & sit down & instead of

Bangor July 14th 1856

Brother Isaac

I believe Elizabeth
rec'd a letter from you about
one week since. He went to
Boston Monday last week, and
got home Saturday to day
he has gone to Randolph N.H.
to look at some land. I
will send you $50. This week
or rec'd $400 from you via Man-
chester a few days after you
left. Business in general is very
dull. We are getting along as well
as usual or as could be expected
in regard to Lucy's health. I
hardly know what to say ~~to say~~
some days better others worse. It is im-
possible to tell what will be the

termination. we have some hopes and many fears. The hot weather affects her unfavorably last week she was worse than any time before, suffering a great deal from a cough. since Saturday she has been much easier & rode out this morning. Charles and Albina were here last week also Almeda & Mr Rider who have gone to Boston for medical treatment & advice. Please write often. your Mothers health is quite good. She has too much care which keeps her feeling dull and heavy

Good by

L. W. F.

Samuel Bangor Me

July 14 1836

Sundries

Lucy

Bangor Me.

July 23 1856

Dear Sister

Milo Jan. 1st 1844.

Dear Brother Joseph

I wish you a "happy New Year." My New Year is not quite as happy, I think, as it would be if I was perfectly well. I have been afflicted again with cold feet as I was last Winter, only in a greater degree. Dr. Kimball called it "liver complaint again, and dosed me with Calomel and Nitric acid, as before. I was pritty near sick a bed for a week or two, but am better now.

I recived your very acceptable epistle on Sunday the 24th Dec. the same long to be remembered Sunday when Thomas Yeath A. B. was pleased to honor us with his presence.

I was sick a bed, and Charly doing the work according to the best of his ability, when lo, and behold! about 4 o'clock P.M. afternoon, Dec. 29th Isaac and Mr. Yeath came jingling merrily up to the door, intending to spend the Sabbath with us. Well, so it was and we could not help it — so they staid, and as there happened to be no preaching in town that day, they posted over to Brownville in season for afternoon service, calling at Mr. Dennett's as they returned. They departed hence about 7 in the evening. You inquire respecting Mr. Foss' health — I thought I mentioned in my letter that he died the Tuesday after you went away. Charly watched with him the night he died. I condole with you honor stoutly with regard to "your" "meagre diet"; and would gladly remit unto you one of my mince pies, had I a suitable opportunity. No flour bread if too bad. C. killed one hog Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and got the 1/2 from Stewart's the week after. He has fatted and killed three sheep, and salted them for beef. Mr. Gilman commenced

his winter's work here today. C. has sold him the black horse, sleigh and harness for $100.00 - to be paid in work - fifty days works this winter. They have topped out the chimney and are going to have a stone, to borrow of Col. Lee, to put in them. Our singing school is not. They have an excellent school at the Mills. I have given up going on account of my health. It is said that our "village master skilled to rule" is partial in his "little school" to Miss O. K. Furber. Mr. Gilman says that J. S. Ricker, who has taken Mr. Filbert's school is not very well liked.

When Charles goes to Bangor, which he intends to do soon, if you have got through with the Algebra, you may send it up, lest there should not be another opportunity; but if you have not done with it, keep it till you have. I am glad the folks like your school. You must try to make them like better still. Mr. Keen's folks have moved into the old house. They have not elected a Rep. I believe — they have had a multitude of town meetings and set up "Uncle Jimmy" once or twice, but could not make it go. Charles has let the Ox for two months to Mr. Monroe. By doing this and selling the horse he will raise some money to pay for lumber. He they not married yet they say yet I believe. Aaron Gill is to be married this month — he has engaged James to construct some bedsteads, worktable, &c. and Theodore Furber desires two bedsteads and two tables. We received two letters, from Ann & from Mother last week. Ann was in Boston when she wrote but was going to Warwick the next day. She had made a week's visit at Woodstock, and Mother & Elisha had spent a week in Lowell. Caleb has married a step-daughter of a professor in Yale College, and is now teaching music in Philadelphia — he has applied for a situation in Boston as teacher of languages. Isaac gets a living by teaching music; has two hundred dollars salary for singing in the Episcopal church. Enoch, Mother says, thinks it all together too much business for him in a com-

ting room at Islay 24, per month, and has applied for and expects to get Midshipmans birth. Uncle Peletiah's, Jacobs and Joseph's folks are all well - Josiah is teaching in Royalston Prescott Nutcely died of consumption a short time ago. Cousin Addison is at work with Hannah's husband. Hannah Perry is teaching school - handy at home. Mariah is attending the Normal school at Lexington - going to stay a year.

Mrs Childs was smitten with a sudden fit of generosity; insomuch that she opened her heart and gave Elisha a broadcloth coat, pretty good, of Mr. Childs, and a pr of pants, a nice comforter, a pr of gloves & a silver dollar as a remuneration for sundry errands done by him. To Mother she gave Calico for a dress, several yards of cotton cloth and a dollar in money, &c. &c. Ann thinks some of coming home by land before spring, so as to try to obtain a situation in Bangor again. You will please excuse the striking resemblance which this epistle bears to its Author, for I am handily able to write at all.

Jan. 6th I sent a letter to Isaac yesterday, & intend to send this with one to Mother, to the P.O. tomorrow. C. has not got the hay home yet. I cannot tell you exactly about your hay, grain &c. but Charley will be down in the course of a week or two, and you can obtain all necessary information from him. Isaac and Charley and, still higher authority, Mr. Tash, all think that you had better keep your school out, eleven weeks. Do you intend to go to Foxcroft in the Spring? I desire another letter from you soon, informing all about your school &c. whether you have punished, or had any difficulty with that great lubber you spake of. If I mistake not, you have a disagreeable sort of a girl there at Mr. Gibbs', that is unless she has "undergone a change" since about three years ago, when I saw her. You must give Isaac sundry items of advice when you write to him, for I conjecture he is sorely tried with so

P.S. Important item — I know not when the wild geese flew — another I am writing Compositions now-a-days for next Spring — I have one an Acrostic which I am very desirous for you to scrutinize criticise &c. A certain fellow came this way not long since & delivered two Lectures on Astronomy and National History, 12½ cts. admission. I was not well & C. did not go. What sort of meetings do you have at your place? I should think you might sometimes go into Bangor to meeting.

Mrs. Joseph M. Metcalf
Glenburn
Maine.

a great [illegible] to take up [illegible] in Valley Brook
[illegible] with Frank for a Calf, [illegible] Wish you
[illegible] from him last week. [illegible] Valley
[illegible] to dollars the first year, and kept from 25 or 30
dollars per month. He likes [illegible], I guess, sitting
up on a high, three-legged stool. Why don't you write to us
all how you prosper, what you are [illegible] and doing.

We had a monstrous [illegible], great [illegible] you know
last week on a great sheet of yellow foolscap. You'd laugh
to see it I know. Nothing startling for news. About the
same as usual. Hay is very [illegible] and low. Cows
[illegible] sell under eight dollars, and after [illegible] three tens
more, not under 60, he says. Some people won't buy if they
can't eight [illegible] to Valley and get miserable poor stuff
for big. They'll [illegible] come back when Frank's gone.
Father and Mother would like you to Valley day. Somebody
said they [illegible] you [illegible] presents upon, but perhaps
they didn't know. Fi and Samuel [illegible] they have been
over for hay this week.

Theodore Fisher [illegible] to his farm to Penn. They
have taken a job at Great-works to haul five million
ft boards at eighteen cents per [illegible]. Will [illegible]
Sarah is going there to keep house & take care of the
men & in Sept. They are going to start for Kansas
will make the trip of many days I expect. Fern and
Jesse at Mr. [illegible] visit [illegible] Send [illegible]

[illegible] Mary up [illegible] very sick and [illegible]
[illegible] fell, and [illegible] by the Physician. But

if Father was. Found Ike all [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Uncle Joseph. Found he [illegible] in [illegible],
and if Father just [illegible] the [illegible] of the letter
I must [illegible] [illegible] of it; you see the title may be [illegible]

Brother Jo if you hear any thing respecting my teaching
school up there I want you should at once let me know it, if you call at
Mr Parker's you will hear.— I want to send word to Brownville whether I will
go there, I have received letter from Venetia Williams, Mrs Bowron, Mrs P.
and Miss Quincy. I have answered Mrs. P's in phonography partly, and wrote
a letter to Mary Bowron one page of which was in French. Phonography is
very pretty. Sunday Uncle Henry is going to Dover tomorrow
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

le, re, fe, le, — to refute or two wrong feet, or to wrought [illegible] —
either of these contain the consonants and may be broken to suit persons
how the data by afforiation: Washington born 1732 w, he, me, ne, [redacted]
take man? no: other sentences might be made, these are what I have
thought of. J. M. Mecoy born 1823, le, fe, ne, me, too fine man
or two fine men; C. W. Birch 1808 le, fe, se, fe, = to fuss off —
you see the consonants may be doubled: I know but little about it
but have heard it rather slightly spoken of by those that were
good judges, don't believe it will be worth a dollar to you —

Mile Stay 25th 1844.

Dear Brother Joseph

We rec'd your letter Thursday night, and as Charles is going to Bangor Monday, we will get your trunk ready to send by him. You write for all your papers, books, manuscripts &c. but I supposed you would not want your Temperance Tales, old Journal, Herbarium &c. so I have not put them in. Nor any papers & books except those which were already in your trunk. I could not find the mate to your mittens, so I put in a pair of striped ones that Mother knit last Winter. They are rather small, - I am afraid too small for you, but I guess you can wear them. Charles says yours is dangerous business about cutting hoops, and getting them torn to pieces by the machinery. You must be wonderful careful. I will put in some finger nails as you requested, but I hope you will not have occasion to use them. Isaac went back to Foxcroft last Monday. Charles had rather a serious time with his foot for a few days, but it is better now, although he cannot wear a boot. He thinks the nail will come off before it gets well.

The same day you went away I believe, there came along an Englishman & an Irishman this way, said they had had no money since the Sat. before, were in search of work & could find none. Charles took them in, gave them a breakfast and set them to work. They both worked the remainder of the week for two dollars in money, which when they recieved, they went off to Bangor to redeem their clothes which they had pawned there for their board. The Irishman agreed to come back this week & work for C. at 7 dolls. pr month, but he came not; I know not why.

I found your other mittens, as we just then ~~in~~ I didn't like to write you, we can send them with Charles. I suppose you would like a pair of ~~mittens~~ to wear this winter.

why did'nt you write more fearlessly about how and where you got into trouble
as we Mariners are all afraid that you'll get hurt as it is rather dangerous work
for fresh hands and tho' you are pretty observing you are not quite so alert or quick in
motion as Eliab — I charge you to be very careful — I shall send all your clothes
that you sent for you but for but I wonder that you should want so many things —
for I should think you had better come home perhaps in Bayerly time as they
don't I suppose keep the mills agoing all the summer. I dont love to have you work
in a mill and if you have not engag'd for any certain time I would not do it for
if you can get in a situation where you can bring your powers of mind as
well as those of your body more into action you can be more useful to
yourself and others you can if you please (and can find a suitable situation
for it) make yourself of more importance in the world than a common
Millman Therefore I would not engage for any particular time but
hold yourself in readyness and be on the lookout for something better suited
to your taste and capacity: The 4th Sargent jun. is very sick in Stillwater
and his Mother is gone down to take care of him. If you can make it convenient
send a good long letter by her when she returns or by some other opportunity.
if you keep one in the writing ready on hand you can have frequent chances
probably to send but if you do not, Mail a letter as often as once a month
certain and as much oftener as you have a mind to. I do be careful of
yourself dont let a foolish vanity or foolhardiness lead you into danger
especially dont go into the water very often. I beg of you not to practice
diving and swimming so much as you have sometimes I can not
but feel uneasy about you somewhat and my Son I charge you as
you value your usefulness your respectability your happiness or my
peace not to place yourself in any situation where you do not attend
meeting Constantly, or the Sabbath and wherever you are attach yourself as
scholar or teacher to Sabbathschool — I hope you will constantly realize that
duty requires of you to use your influence which is needful and ought not
to be small in promoting the cause of your Redeemer in all the benevolent
operations of — It is time for you — and nothing should hinder you — to take a stand
in society and make yourself known and your influence felt — you know
and feel all this but perhaps you are thinking you are nothing but a boy
and a stranger and so it is — but tho you must creep before you can
go it is not necessary that you hide yourself in a corner and remain inactive
As soon as you can get money enough for it you had better
perhaps get you a good handsome hat or cap a vest (and if it was not on
account of the spring I say if he needs) a new fashionable coat of velvet
or something before summer is out
or Something not very costly. I do think it is well for a young man as soon
he can conveniently to dress himself fashionably and like a Gentleman
however your dress except the head is very proper and decent for the street

I hope you won't spend your money foolishly or needlessly but I ~~guess~~ have no reason had it so to suppose as to appearances or have I yet.
I shall not cut off your dividend you will not make much use of it this summer and it will do better as it is to make over into some thing warmer if we should want to — his bill Saturday night and I did not think of it till Mrs mentioned but I think I shall send you Isaacs linnen jacket for he can't wear it and it will be very useful for you one to do and feels a great deal better Evenings and any time when not at work to have some kind of a jacket or coat on I want you should write whether your work is near home and tell me what your company is what kind of a boarding place how many hours you have to work in a day when you go to meeting and everything else about yourself and your situation whether you have any time for reading and study
Isaac board at Mr Cochrans they have about 30 scholars.

G is going to B tomorrow and must get some provisions but has not scarcely to get with you must get your pay once a month or so & if we can't get along without must borrow some of yours for time we must as long as we can — unless something extraordinary happens we shall have considerable Coals & Hay to turn in the fall it is a hard winter this summer peculiarly hard for C to have to hire help and provide food with nothing to do it with we could have along without buying much provisions if we did not have G to maintain & help but I feel very anxious to get the house done it seems as if we could not prosper much till we can move down there. I am thinking that you have in the right at least many a Christian is thinking them selfish when it is not for himself alone that he is looking out and contriving but for the good of the whole — you feel that you have a seperate interest & so you have & that is what I mean you shall have all your own but this will to much matter whether you have now any more than you want to use along — I feel that if we are all well we can all as a family be very comfortably off quite a head board even in a few years we shall have a good home and a good farm which will produce something more every year than we shall need to consume

Mother says you can buy linen thread of any color at 2 skeins for a cent & if you get out of thread, must buy some. I wish you would call on Mrs Dr. Wolfe some day if you know where she lives. She is a real lady & if I were you, I should call on her. I have sent her a paper this week in return for one which she sent me. I wish you would send papers often, as also letters. My advice to you is to be civil and friendly to Ricker, Farber, Butters &c. who are there with you, and not live all by yourself, when you have friends & acquaintance all round you. It is getting late —

Good bye — Your own affectionate Sister
Lucy.

Be very very careful not to get your hands stained or mutilated in any way. Also, forget not to write often.
In haste. Lucy.

Mother had not time to mend and fix your pants that you got of Isaac, & therefore did not send them. She has put in the thin ones but fears they will be too small for you.

We emptied the ink mostly, out of your bottle, as there was some risk of spilling it on your clothes & we had not any in the house except that. Write often particularly. Don't cut your fingers!

Respectfully

Mr. Joseph M. Mattox
Clarksville
Mexico

Dear Brother

I received a bundle & letter from you last night by Mr. Simmons I suppose, though I was away making "parish calls" when he came.

I'll send the letter to you and you can profit by the scolding about writing or not as you please. I suppose your time is mostly taken up, with your friends, but we must not forget Mother. You know how anxious she always is to hear from her children. I wish you would get me some more tobacco and send up as soon as you can. I should think 2 a sheet would be enough. Get your stiff and pretty thin if you can, & perfectly white, or as near so as possible, as my bonnet stiff is white. It must be stiff you know, to keep in place & the thinner it is the lighter it will be. Send by the first opportunity, won't you? In haste Love.

I see Uncle he must'nt learn to cheat in Bro's store & sell bad flour for good, especially when tis for the Schoolmarm to eat. Mr. W. bought the flour & 'twas so bad he carried it back.

Lucy
July 28 1845

Milo June 22nd 1871

Brother Jo

I C. did not you said I was write
to me. I suppose am invalid & must forgive
& write to the following inquiries as soon as
convenient Viz. Are you willing I should take up
your order of $50 & and pay you with Neale Gabel's
note to call upon him for any time you want it?
If you are not willing to do so I want you to write
immediately to pay the note at Boston at the time
& can then; in that case I should only take yours till I
get there, and then replace it with his pay your note but if
you do not want to use yours, I should prefer to let
that stand. The other question is, have you transacted
all business about me a school room, and if so what
is the result? I want you to write soon, and relate to
me the daily occurrences of your life and circumstances
Ellen H. is just as happy as can be, and mother very
well, under Lute who has got a female writing
P. O. &c. keeps the enclosed letters in the mail.
Buy some blue rolled yarn and some white ½ lb. each and carry
to Perry & knit you & C. some summer stockings to wear
with [illegible]

Ghent
June 21 1851

Federal Point, N.C. Feb 11th

Dear Brother,

I have got your Bosoms and will send them by the first opportunity. I hope they will fit and suit you &c. I rather think the bosoms will set well, they are bottomed to much in the neck. I couldn't get it [illegible] to suit the shirts, not having you to measure by. It took all the tape for these bosoms tying the way I put it on. Perhaps I did not get it right - measuring by myself, I could not judge very accurately.

I have whitened the shirts some, but could not a great deal, as I could only hang them out on a line. They look pretty well however, considering.

I sent down by Mr. Dow to get some starch as these people had none, & he got some miserable dirty stuff, very yellow & bad. I don't know whether it was made of Cassada or Turnips, or Buck Wheat. For consequence of the badness of the starch, your bosoms don't look nice, but pinching they'll do a day or two apiece. Sam'l Fisher called at my schoolhouse yesterday to tell me that our folks asked him to take a bundle for me from Mr. Killridge's and he forgot it. Great consolation to me, wasn't it. I hope he will come by Mr. Sally's today. I know it is

enrolled in all — about 40 constant attendants. A lot of awful ugly boys came in this week. Oh, how I do have to "train round." The young ones here are ten times as uneasy, fidgety, fussing & flyaway here as they are in the country parts. There are some bright forward scholars and some terrible stupid things. I wish you could hear the Whitcombs & Traffams read once. They are just as much worse than Mary Fredrick, as she is worse that Tom Whitelaw. One of 'em set out to spell dent 'tother day, thought it a. spell, & said t, h, a, d, dent. That is a specimen. However. The Mowers & Green are bright enough to make up for their deficiencies.

My scholars do behave beautifully. I wish you could hear them, though I don't suppose that would interest you as much as it does me.

A Student — don't know his name — is awaken, or rather expounded, he used to note, here last Sabbath, and organized a Sabbath School. Mr. Dodge is coming next Sunday. The people don't turn out a bit here. They don't seem to be "go to meeting folks." He might have quite a S. School if all the school children would go, but there were only fifteen last

Sabbath. Sam't Farber was (here at meeting). He is at work in Ramsden, he said.

Why don't you write me a letter every few days. If you are not hurried in your lessons, as you intimated. No matter if you haven't any thing to write. Make up something. I am going to write to Lexe about the first of July. You was a good (with to send me his letter). Send all the letters you get from home too. If I get any, I'll send 'em to you. My Mrs. Tiley is pretty clever I guess, but she is young & inexperienced. She'll lick her baby for crying & then if he fools back about it, she'll kiss him & say she never will strike him again in the world. How some folks do train up children.

Mr. Tiley is a queer man as ever you seen. Some like your Sally Brough. Always changing words every single time he speaks, like your "boy Snipe", Thick Tinderous talk." He can't speak without making folks laugh. There is another odd fellow here viz. Sam Bodge, son of drunken Bodge of Bangor. Some like his father regarding wit I guess, but of strictly temperate habits. Love to Elijah. Write write write whenever you can & tell him to do the same. I suppose you are both pretty much engaged now

d the time, but 'tis a pleasant thing to have a letter.
" Write if either of you want us other fit of finite, and
your mends. Also if you want any crowns or collars
send the wherewithal & I'll make 'em. In haste
Lis Lucy.

Capt. M. McCarthy
Boston

Mrs. Lucy
Lynn
Oct 1777

(Dear Brother I have an opportunity to send
to day, & must not have mine to good many
days, to fill next your things. I would have done
them up, but having this good chance, I thought
I would not wait. Some of them will do to wear
a while. I've made one new one out of some linen
I had left, and dyed the rest according to
the best of my ability. Hope they will suit you
better. I'll finish the stockings as soon as I can
for Christ. You must not be troubled about the cloth
Mrs. Wiley will take it & pay me money, as much
as you gave. If you first send word as soon as
you can, the price thereof, cause she wants to use
it soon. Also send up Pasteboard & Shoe-bone soon.
I got badly frightened yesterday. A man came down
the road & sung out "School house afire". It all caught
and done enough it was blazing on the roof. But they
got water & ladders and soon put it out. Sparks caught
on the roof probably. Sun after school we went out in the
Shulmire pasture for Strawberries, there was a very vicious
horse, unbeknown to us. As we were picking, he came at
us, and I suppose that we actually run a very narrow
chance of escaping with our lives. We would throw sticks & holler
at him & make him skeer off a little & then we would run with
all our might, & he would run after us & then we would throw
another stick & run again, & so we did till we got to the

Mrs. Dow will hand me cheaper than Mrs. Wiley and to my washing). Had I better change places or not? Tell me when you write. I don't know of any news.

5.)

Lucy
July 2d 1845.

Capt. A. Mc. Coat
Boston

Capt. A. Mc. Coat.

Dear Father

If you have letters
to send home, hand them to Mr.
Dorr. I send a Lot by him.

Yours
July 1815

Dear Editor. Long Lane 3rd Sabbath day.

I write a few lines to you to let you know that I am well at present and hope these few lines may come to your hand. I am now at home in the Country but shall come to visit you in town. I have not had any letter from you since I left you. I have been very busy at work, and by saying on Sat. then I must not, I mean you and me, for Sat I can show to have them. must go down in the city I am to go home Sat. I am. I believe you understand that I must get my money before I go home, at any rate, because I paying my board & paying mine, and I don't know how I am to work it. Then I, by coming down Friday, after my school closes, present my order & get my money time enough to come back & go home in the stage Sat. You know I must pay at my board, & I shall not want to wait till two or three days after my school is done.

I wish you could be there then and send them up here. They might come. I have got no certificate yet you know. I am in want of a lead pencil, but perhaps I can get along, unless you can send me a pencil after. So Good, until I see you next. I intend to come down to see about getting some work for the winter. I am, Mr. Fortune dear, Yours with love as well as not. P. Tilton. I write to you so. I send a few lines by school this day, did not. I wrote to Isaac last week, and sent a letter home by for Bryant yesterday. Have you seen Mr. Fortune from Jonathan Woodman the time they at Prince's mills, Hillsboro. A man got his foot badly jammed in this mill yesterday. Glad to hear one or more of his not taken off. Hillsboro. Have you heard from home lately if you have pray tell me in your next and not send a card. Give Charley and them my love and tell me what to do about working.

[illegible] Shall be Obliged if [illegible] and Shall have to Send to you a Jar or a Small Little bottle, Send as I Shall Specify.

Rec'd
Aug 3/44

Bangor Tens. morn Aug. 24

Dear Brethren;

I am going to write this note to send by Mr. Sherburne tomorrow to tell you that you must make the Com. come up here. I have no notion of getting along without a Certificate from the great City of Bangor, if I can help it. I shall send my bill, signed by Mr. S. if he will do it, to you by Mr. Cully Thursday. You must collect &c. take your own pay both of you, & pay to Mr. Dow, then you owe him, $5.00. I paid Mrs. Wiley & let Mrs. Dow have $1.25. I very little expect to get my $3.00 for work. I will send you Funck Dictionary by Mr. C. Perhaps you may want it.

Our Pic Nic came off in fine style yesterday about fifty present. We had several toasts, mostly mine. And Mr. James read my old Temperance Address, - new modelled, to render it appropriate - to very good advantage, and returned public thanks for "Miss Mitchell's able Temperance Address." The unsophisticated & unlearned population of this verdant and grass-grown neighborhood called on partly by divine names, as "Pig-beat," "Pig-meat" Pic Nit, Pit Nic &c. &c. &c.

I hope if Elisha is going home this fall, if he hopes they can, he will go up Friday when I do. I want you should go to Joseph, while Isaac is at home.

Lucy
Aug 26 1845

Cheese 380
Crackers 4.66

Mr. Joseph M. Mulleaky
Ramsgate
Tipperary
Ireland

[illegible] know what to do. I want [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] I must decide it that way.
I must do something with myself. There is no [illegible]
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Lucy
Sept 25/15

If you tell your watch, you must tell
Aunt Almira's guard. Don't tell it.

Ellis Jan. 9th 1895

Dear Brother

We are in receipt of your favor, and are glad you will receive the letter I sent to Dan, one Friday night last. Thanks for bringing home a "sheepskin" letter from you. I am respectfully declined, notwithstanding it seemed considerable of a battle. The closing part of the letter I first came in contact with, and almost only to the portion that concerned myself, viz. "I must write me a letter I want it." Charles has been going to Denver for the last fortnight & I have written a letter I was to send by him, but don't expect he will go now before Thanksgiving. How I with you "Silent Night" were all 3 in one. Send a one we can't sing one thankful if you were. Mr. Stimpson was buried yesterday. Had been sick only five days, Lung fever. It was his request to have Mr. Averill attend the funeral, but he could not come. Mr. Rowell preached. Mr. R. preached here today. Has been hindered the time for a year. He has improved much since I heard him three years ago, and there still is room. Quite a full meeting today. I am glad if any preacher can call people out. Col. Lee has received a letter from Daniel Hoffman requesting dismission from this Church and a Recommendation to Hammond Ill. Brethren met accordingly today. How the members of our little Church are dropping away one after another. Do you & Lizzie intend to ask a dismission from this Church? I suppose

if you expect your abiding place to be in Bangor for some years, it would be proper & best, but still I don't like to think of it, that so many are leaving us, while the few that remain are seemingly so cold & lifeless and disheartened. It seems to me our prospects grow darker & darker. There are changes, but all for the worse. All who leave Milo seem to be of the better sort & those who move in, of the opposite, or at least of a doubtful character. We very much need a few substantial, decided men. You must make haste and grow and be such an one, and come back here to live & renovate and regenerate the town!

It maketh me feel sad when I think of my brothers. They are all gone away. They don't live here. To be sure, this is their home and they'll come home & see us once in a while, but they don't live here any more. We never shall be a family together as we once were. The approaching Thanksgiving reminds me of it. Three years ago all were all together. One has been taken. We know not how soon others may be; and should we all live many years, we may never all meet again on earth. How "from Love's shining circle

The gems drop away."

However, it matters not so much, if we are prepared to meet in that "Land from parting free" There to enjoy together a "long eternity of love". This is but a short time, comparatively, to spend here, & but little enjoyment to be taken, even could we have all here is.

I want to write to Elijah, & shall by & by. Shall if possible but you know it is a busy time Thanksgiving week. Why don't he write? It has been a long time since I have been a letter from him. With regard to the School-house

business. I know not whether the plan was practicable or not, but as it has been put into operation, & you cannot now retract, I would'nt let it worry me a morsel.

You must'nt allow yourself to be nervous. You'll injure your health by so doing. Do what you and the rest of the Locks think best at the time and let that end it. Take all the comfort there is there in Bangor & "way flat;" but don't "kick".

I would like to have you purchase for me some kind of a little Book, suitable for a Lady present. Not to cost more than 25. Price limit to your taste & not it. A "Casket of Jewels" like Ann's, if the price is not too high, would suit; and if you find nothing better, a "Daily Food" will answer. I believe you said you had a few cents of mine in your possession; if not, I will repay them. Especially if it for a particular purpose. Will let you know sometime.

We have had another freshet, though not as bad as before. Did'nt carry off Bosby Ridge, cause they haven't got it built up again since the other. Charles' fence all carried off down to the woods in Mr. Mason's field.

I forgot to acknowledge the receipt of Isaac's letter sent with yours by Severance. Please also to accept my thanks for the Account Book & Mottoes for the Handkerchiefs. They are both very pretty & very useful. I wish I knew how to keep accounts right. We had a letter from Aunts Comfort & Esther by last mail. Aunt Esther sends her love to "Lissa & Doda & Libe" & wants them to write to her. Mond. Dec. 1st. Charles has waited so long he says he shall wait no longer & will go to Bangor. He will not

Lucy Nov. 30/45

Bridge Farley 10th 1847.

Very dear Brothers

The Spirit moves me to commence a Letter to you, having, however, no very definite idea when it will be completed and forwarded to you. We prosper finely these days. Everything is beautiful and flourishing about here. It has been so very warm this week that things have grown astonishingly. You can see things grow in the garden every day. Very Patch looks finely. I have weeded every bit of it, hoed up all the Thistles &c. Strawberries are very plenty, though almost gone now. I have not picked any but once. Raspberries & Blackberries are abundant in promise.

Received a Letter from Isaac yesterday. Nothing very particular except his great want of money. Poor fellow! what shall be done for him? Mother and Rhoda have talked about it.

Tuesday P. M. 13th July. Rhoda thinks of going to Bangor tomorrow, so I'll finish my Letter and send it by her. Mary Smith is ill with the Bilious Fever. The French and Indian mail arrived safely yesterday. A Letter from Samuel Brown, the day you went down.

You will probably not be surprised when I tell you that I have at length decided the question and given him an affirmative answer. His proposal & I have been long in making this decision but have now considered it in all its bearings. [redacted] the house is not decided yet, but be it sooner or later, I suppose I am engaging my Earth home with it. It may that his thoughts sometimes return to engagement of it. At [illegible] and happiness with kind friends [illegible]

been kindly thoughtful of my welfare, has thus far been my lot; and I don't know as I have any reason to doubt the continuance of this happiness with another home and a new friend; still, I know not what may lie before me. I can hope and trust. To both of you, and indeed to all my brothers; I feel that I owe a debt of gratitude which I can never repay. For all your kindness, and especially for the tender regard for my feelings which you have ever manifested, I most sincerely and heartily thank you. If I felt perfectly sure of receiving from another friend, the kindness, in every respect, which I have always received from my brothers, I would ask no more; - and even though I have perfect confidence in the sincerity and strength of his attachment, still, it is not without a deep struggle of feeling that I can look forward to the day when I shall leave forever, as it were, the home of my childhood, and those loved ones who have ever proved true and kind, to such a new home, and entrust the keeping of my happiness to a new friend.

In connection with this change, there is, mingled with hope for the future, a feeling of sadness in thinking of the past, which I can hardly describe, and which I know not why I should feel. As brothers and sisters we have enjoyed much. When all at home together, years ago; and still later, though separated much of the time, our affection for each other has not been diminished. I have always joyfully confided and trusted in my brothers perfectly, fully. In return they have given me confidence, kindness and affection. In this, dear brothers, may there be no change in any of us. Change of situation need not occasion change of feeling.

I like to think these are my "Halcyon days".

I never expect to enjoy so much again as now, and for a few years past. Not that I do not hope for, and expect a pleasant home – of course I do, or I should not have made the decision I have – but with it will of course come care and anxiety.

Will you, my brothers, pray for me, for <u>us</u>, that we may be kept in the <u>right</u> <u>way</u>, which is the way to happiness and peace?

Ever your affectionate Sister
Lucy.

I forgot to inquire after Miss Treat. Please tell me how she got home & how she is when you write, and do write soon. Another thing, Joseph, did you find, and do you know where is, your Herbarium? I desire to look at it very much indeed, but cannot find it. What a heavy thunder shower we have had this P. M. I never heard such <u>crashing</u> thunder in my life. Now Edson I will endeavor to finish & send by Charles – Hope it will fit better than before. Don't know as I shall have time to do it up. Good bye

Lucy.

What time did you get to Bangor? In what plight were Mrs. Weston's Strawberries? Do write both of you —

Lucy

July 10 1817

Engagement,

Brian Lovell M. d G. M. Murray

Bury

Mills Oct. 1st 1847.

Dear Brother Jos.

Just rec'd this morning a letter from Isaac, which, in accordance with his earnest request from the back, Mr. Macomber should have forwarded last night. Had he done so, we could have sent Isaac's things by today's stage instead of waiting till Monday. They have all been ready for weeks, waiting for Charles to go down, which he has been expecting to do. I hope you will not send the trunk until you get them. His things, with the key to his trunk, which is left with me, are by themselves, your shirts and some things of your own besides. Have been expecting, from what I can note, a bundle from Conn. Don't know whether it has been sent, and we not got it or not. When you send, letter perhaps come by Mr. Welch, and he left at Mr. Fitzhughs. Why and when you dine Byron come home. Did he not answer your purpose, or was he homesick? Mr. Fitzhugh wants you to leave Steven. Says he may stay with you a year for his clothes & board. Stay in the store & help you on the days. He is handy, somewhat "cut-the headed" perhaps, but good at figures, considerable tact at trading, and accustomed to being in a store. However perhaps you have got another boy before now. Your house remains safe and sound and unmolested in the pasture which I fenced N at the head of the intervale. Growing fat and an

tie. Don't believe you'll ever be able to drive him if you get him. How is your case likely to be decided, in your favor or otherwise?

Chaulis is getting along nicely in the hideous They are working on the new road today. A good deal of travel on it. will be more after 'tis done, probably. C. thinks he shall have as much as fifty bu. of corn this year - ten loads of very nice pumpkins in the interval - more up here, and a great many beans.

The rotten shirts which I am making are partly done will send them very soon - two pairs.

Is it not the case that Angelia Bennett and Joseph Treat will one day make a Treaty? I surmise that such is the fact.

I don't know but the precaution is unnecessary, but we will put this in the Office so that you may Basket at the Franklin House for the bundle, as the driver may not be willing to carry it to you. The key I put in a paper with Isaac's things.

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Tell Elijah why don't he write. I must rebuke him for sending any money to pay for making shirts. He ought not to. A pr of stockings for him. Do you want any more for yourself? Write to us when and often as you can - all about your boy and every thing. In great haste

Very aff - Sister Lucy -

You will oblige me much by putting the enclosed billet-doux in the P.O. 'Tis only a card about Swearing - you know. "It chills my blood &c". It may do good & can do no hurt.

Mrs. Bircher is going down Tuesday. Perhaps the wife call for a bundle if you have anything to send.

Mother says the Corporation have got butter enough to pay him when he goes down —

Dear Lotte,

that flour is nice wish you would get me another barrel before the price rises shall want more in Feb you have not told me how I can sell shirts or how willing to sell if you wish you would give me what light you can upon the subject for I dont know whether to get heavy or light cloth am making some now that it takes more than 11lbs for a pr

I wish to leave it to your judgment when to buy the flour

I wish you would write a word or to Isaac about taking care of his health if he can bear to sleep with his windows open blowing right onto him when it rains and lay covers on the ground during a violent shower & let it pour right on him all the while (as he did when here) & not hurt his health — he had certainly better not — he dont appear so gentlemanly & there can be no need of such doing

Lucy

Oct 1 1857

Forwarding Trunk to Jane

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Miss Jane Cook

Wm. L. M. Metcalf

Bangor

Northfield Oct. 17th 1847

Dear Brother Joseph

I found my trunk at Brattleboro last Monday, was arrived; Charges $1.12½, paid Co $.50 R. White $.62½. Was that about right? The trunk contained about what I wanted; as near at least as could be expected, considering the circumstances and whose trunk it was. The letters were peculiarly acceptable; the first I had received since leaving Dear East. Your letter was rather brief. If you never Sin except in way of the "Multitude of words" you put in your letters, you may as well start for Oberlin at once.

Your Schedule of accounts observed. The sum due you shall be forwarded as soon as I can do it conveniently. It may be that I shall not be able to do it by the time you mentioned, first of Nov. I am I suppose earning money, but when I shall receive it I do not yet know. I have about $10,00 now by me. I shall be obliged to spend considerable for clothing as the cold weather comes on. It is an occupation where one wears out clothing pretty fast, and as there is a good deal of exposure, it is needful to dress warm.

What are you sneering at Mt. Grace for? Were you ever upon it in a clear day with a good Spy glass? If you ever ascended Mt. Grace, did you open your eyes while there?

Your admonitions upon the subject of personal health are kindly received. Although in the present case needless, they may not be wholly worthless. It would perhaps be well if the could redound where they would be appropriate at least, perhaps needful; to the case of thyself & those of thy kin about thee. Those who are placed in unhealthy conditions & situations. Advices as to the market value of Onions carefully observed. In reply would state that the price of last year's corn in Northfield & Bradleboro' has fallen from $1.00 to about $,50 per bushel. Also that the demand for Shoe pegs is probably increasing; that beef is much eaten by Irishmen, and potatoes are rotting &c.

Does E. H. Metcalf talk of going into the Stock trade in Canton?

The prices of Lumber at Northfield, I have no means of knowing. I see no signs of any trade in the article. None is ever brought up the river. Whether the R. Roads may sometime make it worth while to bring small quantities of best qualities of Eastern lumber here I know not. Every where above here that I have been, at Bradleboro' &c. Slate appears to be used instead of shingles, sometimes even in the covering of Barns hog pens & privies. Slate quarries are abundant.

My Congratulations to the M.P.C.C. Ry. & S. S. T. How is your head? I believe it is your treat!

Your Valise I do not see as you are likely to get hold of again very soon. It is likely too to see pretty hard service this Fall & Winter, boring about in our buggy, from one Tavern to another &c. perhaps over the Mountain. The best thing you can could do will be to charge it to me, & get another

Dear Sister Annie. Among the letters which gratified my eyes when I found my trunk, was one from you To be sure I was a little disposed to quarrel with it as being upon only half a sheet; but it was better that none. Elisb wrote none at all.

You speak of visiting relatives &c. I did not think at first much of seeing those I knew nothing about, perhaps never saw, but begin to like them when I have become acquainted. Mr. Dickinson I have not seen.... I did not when I came here even know her husbands name. She lives over the river, and I did not know the way. When I was at Northfield, Cousin Hannah kept promising to go over with me but did not. Now I am placed here, and my time belongs to not myself. I shall certainly embrace the earliest opportunity to go there. I have been to Winchester to see Cousin Josiah, but it was when I first came here, long before I received your letter. When I was there I thought I remembered going there once with Mother to an Uncle Rich's, but I knew nothing of him, whether living there or not. I should have been very happy to have gone there if I had

My shirts I received from Mrs Shepherd at Brunswick they are nice ones. I have bought a new coat, but it is a great rough Jack to wear in Woods &c. You tell me to write much &c. I do wish that you and some of the rest of the folks would write half as much & as particularly as I do

Dear Brother Elijah. What do you mean by not writing to me. Not one word among the letters in my trunk. I think I have written enough lectures to you. or that score already. One of you should it seems you have lost. "What you goin to do about it?"

I hardly think you can get it again very soon. Perhaps you had better let me wear it out for you & you get others. Only it is too small for me

Brother Charles & the rest of you all, what are your politics? or what are they likely to be in the Presidential canvass of '48?

In old Massachusetts the old Party lines are partly and fully gone. The frame or shadow only is held up by the political especially the Boston papers, the "Cotton interest as some call it. The Democrats in their convention nominated you know Cushing & Cushman one now a Whig the other lately, and that party go full for Taylor as President. and so do the Boston Whigs perhaps. But the rest of the Whig party and the better part of the Democratic perhaps, go against the War & Taylor in toto. Headed by the "Boston Whig" a first rate paper edited by Sumner, Palfrey, Adams, Phillips &c. Boston Courier, & country papers. The favorite candidate of this party would probably have been Silas Wright of N.Y. if Wm St Rorison memory, if he had lived. Northern Whigs would have united upon Wright, a former Democrat. Southern Democratic Slavery men upon Taylor & Cushing

There is, there can be but one question before the country. the great all important (War Slavery) question. & People are getting to know it. Vide D. Webster's speech

Milo Oct. 19th 1847.

Ina Chere Sure

Your bundle, as you have probably learned, ere this by Alfred Holman, was found at, and taken from Nye's store last Friday, the 15th inst. How long it had lain in that place I know not, but conclude not many days, from the date of your letter. The Bible is very fruitty, neatly done - much obliged for your trouble. From your letter I very much fear that your shirts, and perhaps Ann's things were sent on to Ithaca. I thought I took every possible precaution that there might be no mistake. I rolled your shirts by themselves, put a paper round them, and a letter directed to you on the outside. Ann's things I served in the same way. I just now happen to think that after putting your letter with your bundle we concluded to send your letter by mail, fearing you would not get the bundle, otherwise, so soon, and took it out, but Elias's was left in, so I hope you gave it to him instead of sending away. Please let me know so I may worry about it if you did!

Moses is well enough and has been for ought I know. Have not heard that Mr. G. is dissipated. Presume he is not. The folks are at work on Ann

pants - hope to get them done this week - Possible Charles may go down next week - If not will try to find an opportunity to send them without expenses I believe there were materials enough with the exception of thread, and we can supply that. You have written never a word. Neither you know got another boy - nor who he is. I ask where is brother Elijah? And what is he about? Not a word has he written home but just once since he was at home in July. Why is it? I have written to him and so has Mother over and over again, but no answer. Do get him to write to us. Your horse is growing fast. She and Bucky are so antic there is no getting along with them, hardly. Gone's, I suspect, is terrible ugly, but we don't say so, nor anything else about it. Almeda has a husking tonight. Mother, Albina and I helped C. husk all the P. M. yesterday. Corn moulding - so much wet weather. Hiram goes to writing school. To help about husking evenings - Good bye - in haste, Sis Lucy.

C. has plowed up all the east field - Finished today I believe. The new road is done. A good deal of jawing on it.

Thank you for your hint about Tuesday. Will endeavor to write it Tuesday next time, tho' I always write that worry I believe - Good bye.

Will be glad
to hear

Nile Oct. 26th 1847.

Dear Brother Jos.

I am sorry you are troubled with Pains, Socks or Shirts either. but 'twas all we had to pay with. Never mind trouble about Stockings & Gloves - never mind if you want, or can get them home again.

Pam - excuse me - Mr. Parker is going to Bangor [illegible] now probably - so we write a bit and send pants, which were all completed last week. A piece of the new material deposited in the pocket of each pr for the unfortunates who purchase and wear the same to mend with. You may recommend them as the man did his Guns all Owned in his own family! Albina wants all you have to make. She is in a great rage to get Charles' debts paid. Nobody has been after your horse - but to say you better not let him go on trial, he is so ugly - continued but just in a team might work well - Very high spirited. What think you of poor Pas. Shepherd. Alas! "There's many a slip" &c Rather mortifying and unbecoming enough, wasn't it? You inquire about bosoms &c You sent cloth for 2 shirts and linen for four bosoms - Four shirts I supposed for and sent to you, two having bosoms and two without. Two shirts, by your order I marked for and sent to Lewis together with the remainder of the linen, making into two shirtees. Is your stamina now. I think you would like the shirtees - If you need more bosoms and wrist

send him, I will make them like Isaac's. Your new potato Potatoes are get in the ground. Charles says they are "doing well". Wherefore is it a bad habit to say Sam. 'Tis his name - what he calls himself, and thus call him. Then I denominate him Samuel, or Mr. Fuller, with more propriety. He thinks some of staying in Hampden another summer. Had he better, at fifty dollars per month. Wherefore were you sent away from Mrs. Weston's. Should not think you would like to board at Washingtonian House. Mr. Thurston called it a miserable place - secret rum hole Labaree himself a drinking man. So it is so. Wish you could find more time to write. Sorry you are to continue perplexed and harrassed with care and brimps - Hope it will not always be so. Good bye - affy. Sister Lucy.

Brother Sam. Mr. Edward Fuller

Union 11th Oct. 1[illegible]

Dear Dinnie, Good.

Yours of the 27th ult. was rec'd last Monday, the 9th inst. You did not say your visit. Evelle writes, however. I never yet spoke to Mr. Tuttle and called him Sam, and perhaps never may. His name is Samuel - by the by, I have been late accustomed to style him. Perhaps in company since the engagement Mr. T. but when speaking to him, or of him to Evelle, I would prefer the same name, I think. Do you not agree with me? Mr. Jennie, Evelle (yourself you, the) and Lidie have join with to dear Sam, and in speaking of him I have accordingly done the same, but this was my intention to do. This is written for your kind, and will thank you always for remembering me at the same, whenever you do that in our conduct which may be to [illegible] with. I am respectfully, respectfully, or through upon name. So far as I am acquainted with Samuel, I deem him a person of good common sense, one who looks on the "dark side of things" and if I know anything of their duties in life, [illegible] responsibility, care or trouble, which by association with him, I may learn to take different views of things. At any rate, the future does not seem all dark to me. Time will prove it.

I think it is for our own happiness, we were as those about us, to be changed, and I do not know as this [illegible] with the idea of "looking on the bright side of things". Does it. I know as I have written my idea so you can understand what I mean. Mr. [illegible], Eliza and Evelle are enjoying in a very spirited conversation about beaux, getting in living by "farming" &c. &c. I see by your [illegible] you are now from the

Bush. House. I did'nt like the idea of your being there a bit, from what I knew of it. Elijah thinks he will go back tomorrow, but I very much fear he is not yet well enough. If he does not get a real care, he may, before many months, be borne it down with acute liver complaint.

Brother and Thanis will write what Elijah does not tell you about what they want you to sell and purchase. A touch of things from and Elijah will deposit at your store to come with the Flour. Write us all about your new boarding place and whatever else we want to know if you have time to write.

Good night. Affectionately Sister Lucy.

Brother E. W. Hurlbut
Bangor

Lucy

is not fair, in some cases, from Lois a trial. Though you will p... feel willing up, the feeling that I am receiving what ... and want, is not pleasant. In exchange for this, I ... different, severer trials. I don't know as it is wrong ... to anticipate disappointment. I certainly expect much disappointment. As you say, all have troubles & cares, and each heart "knoweth its own bitterness". I think a good deal ... in regard to these things. Many of her sad feelings we can... not understand - or at least, not as she does. Almeda, too, has her full shares. I think sometimes that men in business, have greater anxieties, cares and responsibilities, while women have the lesser ones, a great many of which are as hard to bear as one great one; - They, too, it seems to me, have more trials of the feelings than men - but perhaps I don't know.

The business part of your last was duly attended to last eve. With regard to the sheep, I had nothing else, and no way to get anything. I disposed of them to Mother and Almeda, two to the former & one to the latter, to get the shirts which I sent to you, and with which you have credited me. I don't know what I can do. I know you are in want of money, and have worried & worried about it how I could pay you, but I have nothing of my own. Mother will write to you something about the sheep, she says. Your advice about a knowledge of pecuniary matters being desirable is duly appreciated; such knowledge any women ought to possess; but we know not what may be, but I should think, as most any one would suppose the probabilities much stronger that the opposite might take place, in a few years than that I should ... so ... do. I ... certain my prospect of home life is not as good

Very Dear Son. We ally the I ge [illegible] likely fellowes some of
us Isaac Lucy & Mrs & & think you almost perfect [illegible] consuderig the your
relations are — but I if I had any words there with to express my ideas — &
with all of my ideas were not to confused and worthless — would undertake to
tell you wherein you need mending — this I begun [illegible] I
ago & got discouraged I feel for the most part of the time that I write you
with would not be worth the reading — I dont know what to do for S. poor
girl if I had any thing or could do any thing to help her I would be glad to
it seems so cruel to me (as there is prosperity in the family house) to have
her so situated that she must be dependant on S. for every thing even
a Bonnet dress to be [illegible] with it is your S. cousin, tis possible. She
would have kept school and got something to pay you the last summer if
her health had been sufficient for it — She ought to have a decent dress
& I want she should have a half Doz Silver tea spoons marked with her
name I have been thinking to keep 10 Sheep on the farm here for
my own use to clothe my self with. But if I could sell 4 or 5 of the
I would be glad to, to get those things for her — ~~but upon second thought~~
~~if it is necessary to keep her I do not desire that she should be sent away~~
~~no possible way to pay for them I stay at home~~ the times is very
possible yet probable that you may want [illegible] in Savany or some thing
She can do the full amount tho' not in as short a time as you better
recollect her some times but by the sadness of the countenance the heart is
made better Some times — I have not time to write any more at
present I want to talk with you shall we never see you do come
home I want to write more but I have not time now

Milo
Me Jan 14..

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Dr. J. N. Metcalf
Bangor
Maine

Milo
Piscataquis County
Maine
1848

Mile Square 24th 1840.

Dear Brother Jos.

I put a letter in the Office for Aaron this morning, but Almeda is just going over to see Elder Lord about bringing up some flour for her, so I'll scribble a word to you. Am disappointed again today about going to Bangor. Might have gone in a wagon, but thought it not too cold, as I am not very well. Hope we shall have snow before long. I wrote Aaron all the news - you will settle about sugar &c. &c.

The linen you mention will do to make common trowsers - not very nice. One yd will make a pr. I think there was linen enough left of that you sent last summer to make two or three collars, will you send a pattern how you wish them made, also directions as to manufacture of trowsers - whether you like small plaits, like those in your shirts, or still smaller or larger. Don't Elisha want some more made? Perhaps I had better send it by Samuel, when he comes, if you desire. You say in your last "don't be foolish". I did not mean to be. I had a good deal of pain, intending to teach school and earn my board. My health was not, and is not now sufficient for it. I talked to Mother about it, and worried, but could do nothing. Things are just as they are. I have nothing for myself, or others, and Mother can make nothing available for them or me at present. Sarah when she can, will help make restitution for what others do for me. Some things are mysterious, others perhaps expedient. But I must not stop to say more. Almeda is waiting. Good bye. I mean to write to Elisha this week. Affectionately his Sister.

I want you to change the boots and get No. 13 I send some more butter which I want you to sell for me

I send for my flour by Mr Lord and want you should send a broom to

Lucy
making shirts &c.
24 January
1848

Mr. Joseph H. Mills

Danbury Conn

Mar

Dear Brother Lee.

I expect I write you quite a letter, but have no time now - you can get all the news from Bath. Send us a name for triplets, will you? And you haven't sent me the rest of that poetry yet. I want to see it. The piece you couldn't find in that paper too. I had so little time, and so many things to think of that it seems as if I did not see you and Pleat very when I was at Bangor. By the way, how slip it pacifier you intended me first as I came in, I lost. Won't you write it again in your next? I just thought it was my brother as I thought, but when I got mine it was not there...

You have not written whether your parents visit you. Am afraid they did not. Tell me in your next, and if not, just where they fail, will you? Seems to me you don't write me as many good nice letters as you used to. Why? Don't you have time? Isaac says this not wicked to perform such acts. I answer as writing to absent brothers and sisters, Sabbath day!" We received a letter from him last week. Seems in very good spirits as usual. One thing I forgot to mention in Pleat's letter. Uncle Nathan Oliver's eldest son Pleat died of 12 or 14 years sick recently. What do you think of Mother's going to meet with Isaac when he comes home in the Spring? Fine thing in many accounts I think. I am sorry we had not time to call at your boarding place when I was there, but you must forgive it had so little time, I was very much hurried. Time soon and visit us both.

Do write soon, won't you? Good bye —

Affectionate sister Lucy.

Lucy

March 1 1848

Miss E. Anne Veeder

Bowyer

March 29. 1878

Dear Brother

I should have written some time ago only I told W. Farber all I knew about Sargent & Holman's business When I left Sargent camps about 3 weeks since they had about 50 thousand shingles made and hauled out as far as Milo they had stuff enough sawed and hauled together for 100 thousand all I think they will be as good as those sent to you with the exception of a very few of poor ones sorted out they have had three hands shaving since but it is doubtful whether they get quite all made up in season to haul out to the Iron works before sliding is gone I understood that Severence hauled down a load of Sargent & Holman's shingle from Mr Bunkers and sold for 60, dollars at 1½ Doll. per M. but that is only here say They have hauled in about 40 M Pine logs and the expected to sell them to the Iron Works Co. at 9 dolls per M the shingles that are not hauled now will not probably be hauled till the ground settles I expected they would have sent them right down to Bangor but I see there is quite a pile of them at Bunkers store I think likely they have contracted debts for hay, Provinder &c about here to the amount perhaps of $50, but it is only guess work they owe me $97½ dollars to be paid in cash when and gave me an order on you

you receive shingles enough to pay what they owe you and enough to pay me I should like to know how many they have sent to you and what amount of goods they have had of you I expect they would have sent enough to you by stealing to pay you and me but they talked that they should hold on to the rest till the price of shingles was higher Hector has hired another hand to shave about a month at $20.00 pr month I know nothing about their having any offers for shingles They get no clapboard cuts
Holman & Sargent go halves in furnishing labor supplies and profits. Though Hector's half is subdivided by taking in young Mr. Hamlin who is also in company with him in buying Hills Farm but [illegible] As for whether a demand against Sargent being good against Holman & Sargent I suppose any supplies got for their lumbering concern would be good against both Holman & Hinson Wm and Hector & Wm Hamlin make up the new Holman and Hamlin shave the shingles and pretty much all the business of Procuring supplies &c is done by Hector, I understand they have caught 19 Moose since I come out – if I had had a pair of Snow shoes I should have had a share of them Hector calculates to keep his Bars upon account of old debts Everett I believe holds most of his attachable property his own &c He told me that he had sold his lumber or his interest in it to Everett But I suppose it was only to make sure of it

I think they calculate to pay up all their bills. I think they will make a pretty good winters work. he told about his having to pay $50. the Middle of March and that Aaron Hill would lend him the money he has got $75; to pay for his Oxen in June to Rollins. He expects to go on to the river on a drive this spring

March. 30th C. W. K.

Dear Brother - I cannot stop to write much as Little Jennie is waiting to carry this to the Office. I besieged Charles about answering the questions, like in self defense, he sat down & wrote himself, even as they he could like, he says. Of the revolutions in Europe, and of matters in our own country I desire to know no more than I can find out. No papers, but Harpers, only short notices in that. It is outrageous that we have not got hold of a single new book. periodical of any kind, not even a paper that tells much of what is going on. I know a little something about the doings in Paris. Should'nt have known much if Jennie had'nt told me. Who Carry had at me. All did their share. Almeda most. Ann some. But I don't care one bit about it - As you say, if they had'nt I should probably have been spoiled the other way. With regard to coming home - the 17th of May is concluded on - You must not come before, unless you will come then too. Mother & Almeda want very much to have you come down to talk to her but I cannot think of all the rest being here & you away. How really, you won't think of any such thing will you? Come right off, and then too, won't you. Ann & Fred Eliot will be tired of waiting for his shirts. They are all ready - Tried on

Charles F Lucy
Mar 29 1848
H Wargent affam

Mitchell Marsh Esq

Rev. J. H. Antisell
Bangor
Maine

Your letter
was unsealed
when it got here
& appears not stuck
Thos Allen —

Mesh Thos. Ships there is quite a Rush [illegible] the Ore. Send me some more Great hearts — must not [illegible] & write more fun [illegible] by return mail. The sentiment of "The grey beard" is not correct is it? Ask [illegible] the solution of much sentiments — Wonder what [illegible] Calvert is [illegible] offered in Baltimore-pretty fine — I not why would it have undertaken as it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

If some Strangers are to be here, Thos may as well come to bring them all along – At any rate That is the consistent – Come yourself – It would take you away from your business long. All the rest are to be at home. You see I shall feel very much disappointed if you do not

J. M. McCarty

Bangor.

Dear Brother Jos.

Have but a moment to write, but beg you to accept my thanks for your nice and generous present, which came duly to hand last Tues. evening. Very much I thank you my brother. I know not whether circumstances are such as to render it proper of that you will please judge for yourself. But I wish sometimes to invite you to bring Miss Moore home with you, the 17th of May next. We will be happy to see her if you think proper to explain to her, and she to accept such an invitation. Rec'd a letter from Isaac last night. Says he shall be here. Remember - good night Affectionate Sister Lucy

Isaac writes me to get shoulder braces and I am very certain they would be very beneficial - Will you inquire if they are to be obtained in Bedford & if there is enough left of what Isaac sent previous a pair. In his last letter he sent another & because I used the other gently to get his shirts: I intend to return it to him.

He says he needs another fir of shirts, so 'tis all well - Much obliged for your newspaper - Got a bunch of news out of it. "Saw up and saw down" is a good story - Almade read it to the children —

Mr. Holman told Charles last night that the shingles were all going to you - Expects to send them down this week. C. will like you to send up by the first opportunity a bbl. of flour, ½ dozen lbs. of brown sugar, ½ doz. lbs of coffee, 1 lb. of tea, 2 lbs. saleratus. These things are wanted to use immediately, as you know. Three weeks is a short time you know of the need, even now, to be using them in preparation. Jones is to take your pay out of the shingles on that debt he owes Charles. You will send them by the very first chance will you, and let us know when if you can, so we may get them sooner. Almost out of flour. You certainly will not fail to come home, will you - and write again first, and let us know how & when. Oh dear! I do wish it was all over. There are times when one wants to be alone - except our folks. Such a fuss and to-do weddings! Come, come all; and have a merry time if may be —

Affy Lizzy

Mills Apr. 27th 1848

Dear Brother Joseph

I have got to go to Mrs. Lee's visiting this P. M. with Mother, but Charles insists that I must write to you, to send by tomorrow's mail, before I go, as he is in haste to sow some Oats & Peas, and can't stop. The story is, he has been waiting to get his money of Hector to pay his taxes. Last week Mr. Drake (Collector & Constable) threatened to do so, and yesterday morning actually came, with horse and waggon to carry him to Bangor. At first Charles declared he would go, and was stuffy as Drake, since he would not wait till next week, when Charles and Hector both guaranteed him the money at that time. But on going to the Village, concluded finally, considering the state of his hosing here at home, to hire the money, 20.00, but has to pay a dollar a week for it. Someone is going to Bangor next week with Shingles for Charles - but C. could have the money this week instead of next, it would save him a dollar, so he wishes you to send the money - 20, by Sat. mail, if you will, and take the proceeds of Shingles next week instead. It was a real time, I assure you, we felt - yes we did - and Albina looked pale as - so she did.

You see the vicissitudes of the case - Dollars don't grow on every bush, and 'tis vexatious to put them in Miles Barnes's pocket. Charles will speak to Someone to bring up the things I wrote for by Samuel - A dozen tumblers and a pitcher

I forgot to put down, which must also be had. If there
will be risk in sending them by Severance, you or Ann
bring them when you come - In great haste - Love -

Iris Plantation Jan. 7th 1847.

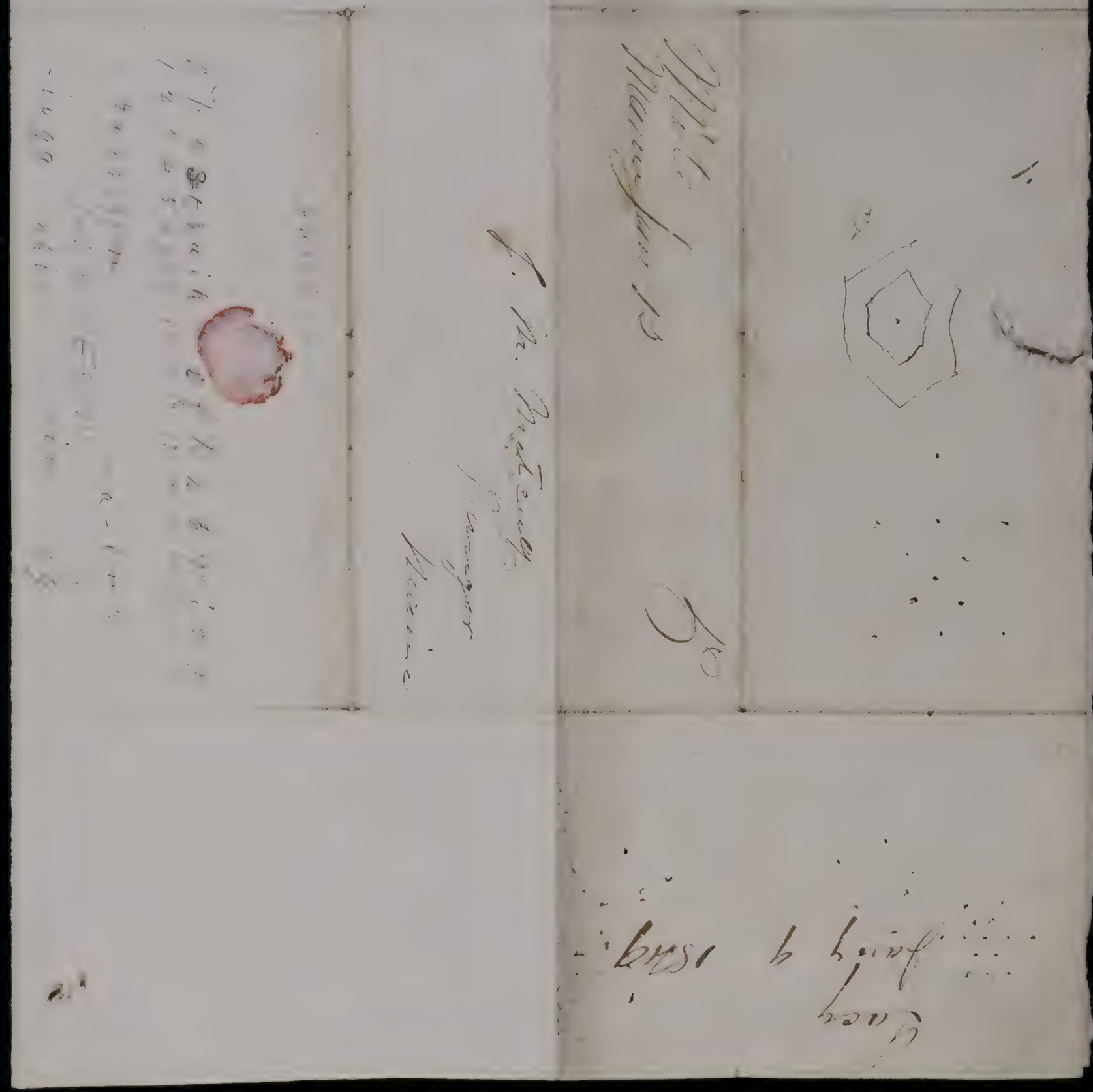
Dear Brother D.

This night when I returned from school found your letter together with two others for Samuel & one for myself from our Essex Doc. One from Walter Brown & one from Thos Brown, dissolving. The other from Barbour, according to agreement, wrote to Samuel when Brown & Low's firm went into the woods. Received another letter from you last Sat. which he did not have time to answer, as he started for the woods (Woods) soon. early. Went part way there one time before, both before Christ, but the teams had not gone in. He will probably be absent more than a week this first time. The only thing I know now to answer in your other letter is about the cash of mine. I found Father Day it was omitted in the first account. Samuel has dealing to do for Farland Holmes, Wm. Rice & Jacobs what he had engaged when he came from Bangor & nothing from Cushing & Hayford. P.P. Fenton and wife started yesterday morning for N.H. to be gone five or six weeks. Sickness keeps them do not go very near Lowell. Samuel will tell you when he comes home much talk about it. I do not understand your allusion to Roman Gen. Thos. Jackson. Unless it is not to divulge the doings of the firm, which I am in no danger of doing. I have been intending to write you for some days. Have written a long letter to Lem. Was answered by one from him, but because she don't write as often as I do, Saturday, and will conclude to send this letter to you, unless, previous to, I should receive one from you. I do not think there will be any more letters from Essex this year. Let us all start the "new year" right. Hope we can

things somewhere on the table a very pretty [illegible]. Lennie [illegible] reading mem for them. Jess Rich has some good "Cakes" was asleep with Clarence. Mrs. Jones sent them & this came to grace. Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Mrs & Mr. Young. Mr. Rev. Cash has a son & daughter [illegible] with. Perfect so. There is the last act of the village there was ever born. Ena Bartlett, a good natured [illegible] baby. Logan, from Cash is now [illegible] of the corner. Jamie fell his car, thank our stars only one day last week going to school. Not very bad, I think. Mr. Jones [illegible] [illegible] dance. Eyeball [illegible]. Mon Tonight. Entertainment. Birthday. Perhaps I spend Friday a meeting house. Good singing school this winter. Pair cloth furniture - tassels [illegible] heavy enough - Coal, not so handsome as wood for [illegible], but cheaper by far. Mattie seems to be rather enthusiastic here. I don't know if I have good things to say, I guess not; Nazareth even yet! **Great Ball at the Hall New Years Eve though!** Going I am [illegible] Pic Nic Party. Lots of Tennessee - great time, I suppose I must go, and also [illegible] get off some [illegible]. Wish you were here, now, I would. Suppose if I was at home, Mother and the girls would put in a little here. When are you coming home. Why don't Ella come down & we could [illegible] when she came down - Tell him That Cotton was very good, Prudence Another would be [illegible] if we could get it. Some [illegible]. Please to remember [illegible] closed soon as convenient. Samuel will write soon as he returns from the woods - Our love unto each, particularly

Aff. Sister Lucy.

Please sir, do write me a word from there "Paris" and tell me if you can sometimes send by Packet or any way, any good history of the French Revolution now. The Civil war or any thing, I should be very glad, and when and if I shall there your duty &c.



Milo Jan 1st 1857

I see you will expect this morning all sorts of fun will find Darby Billings things true as near as I can find a team to take them will send them by Billings does not put that note when he is in Bangor, to do something concerning it; I want you to sue it and attach those things. be sure and not let them get out of your reach I did not go to Lowell last week it was so cold I shall be away the next three weeks ago that I shall be here on half the time until spring,

Our Exhibit shows more loss than I expected, but it does not give me the blues by any means. why should the loss of a few hundred dollars make a man miserable? Unless there is a better prospect another season I think it best to close our business and seek some other investment for our labor. Your reflections upon yourself I will answer some other time. Do you cherish those feelings? Can they not be resisted Have you ever made a determined effort? Or do you not wish to resist them?

Yours truly
W. H. Hersey

Brush Ridge for the Lady. [illegible]
Big bend is dull in season & everything seems to [illegible]
eccentric! Seems, I think really more [illegible]
Bro, Brush Ridge is more for the [illegible]
things is in the leaves. Bro will route you with all
despatch, come & see & not [illegible] I come [illegible]
There is no use in it. Be happy. You are never [illegible]
be alone. You must not [illegible] don't [illegible]

Lucy & Samuel
Jan 22 1849

Mrs Mary Jan Dr.

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Rev. J. M. Putnam
Wilmington
Ohio

Hampden May 17th 1847

B. H. Joseph

Dear Uncle I am not aware of any
time in regard to your transmitting Isaac
Rivers, you can transact here as well as
myself comfortably situated, I cannot at present
tell when we shall go to keeping house, I have not
any of building here but at present feel rather off
the scales about it; I have been hoping since I can
from time to time to obtain a copy of Ireland's from Dear
M Donald, but I have not yet succeeded, I have spoken
to Elias who promised to get it but I am ashamed to
mention it; he has seen M. Donald once or twice but
somehow does not get the [illegible] I have been to this office quite
a number of times but never find him, but had an order
once into the Mill about a week ago which will confine
me to the Mill for two or three weeks I must attend to
so if our Horse or business must be attended to I do not
see but you will have to do it; I suppose there can be
another continuance on the Mill [illegible] and we can
manufacture the logs at present which I shall still do
by the Hand saw, but little attention to the
business I have on the Mill about sometimes I get Darcy
in the evening but Elias is always home at Dinner
Thursday I was paid some money I cannot recollect
the Brandywine was under repair a time ago do not know
how otherwise at present I have not seen Hunter

June 15th 1847

Brother Joseph

Elias rec'd your letter Isaac with I forwarded with this, yours was duly rec'd The Brandywine's papers are all fixed and in the Custom House Fletcher has not got any money I am to see him this evening at Laurens to do something, saw Jewett a few days since will commence sawing in a few days, shall make some arrangements about the shingles before he hauls them in, Ireland's case is continued McDonald thinks he means to make us pay a jury fee, Elias says Mr Smith wants to pay his note of $110, on the Clark concern I think, Please send the note if you want the pay, give every one a chance to pay when willing

Yours Truly

Hampden July 11th 1849

J. M. McCalf Esq

Dear Sir

I saw Wm Jackson of Bangor Monday. he has nothing to do with his brothers business says his brother cannot get pay for lumber sold last Fall says he is coming to Bangor last of this month intending to pay us then. I wrote a pretty smart dun to Jackson yesterday and shall follow it with another soon unless that brings the money. Fletcher got no money last & saw him yesterday. he has promised me Pearsons note tomorrow if he does not get Pearsons note. is it best to settle with him and take his note? I think he would pay his note if it were discounted on in the bank. Eliab has paid his notes $ 84.75. if I have an opportunity to use it for a short time I shall do it: Is it best to write to Isaac that we have his money for him subject to his order. I think favorably of the flour speculation shall manage affairs at present for that purpose. I have not seen Jewett for a week or so. when I saw him last he said he could not saw much of our lumber until the water rose so that he could roll the hemlock logs off from them. the old N's are not to be hauled until ordered

Let Lucy come home as soon as you can spare her. for I am lonesome

Yours &c

C. M. Turner

However many more N's

J. M. Metcalf

Milo

S. M. Tibbetts

July 11 1849

Hampden July 25th 1847.

This same July 25th, if I recollect aright, it being just a week from the day I left home I sat down to write. I intended to have sent a letter by yesterday's mail, but did not get time. I expected we were going to Bangor in season to send it.

I need not tell you that the stage was an hour longer than usual, and we waited an hour & a half, as you learned from your uncle. I arrived at Bangor at ½ past five P.M. with no accident or injury save a terrific jammer in the stage which sent me up to the top of the stage and brought me down with such force as to cause a "nasal tint" upon my arm larger than a dollar which has not yet disappeared. Mr. Cutts apologized when we stopped for dining. So rapidly into a deep rut. Found Samuel waiting for me at the Hatch House. Everything as usual down here, excepting that Hannah had suspended your swinging Work case over our bureau in the chamber. It looks quite "Hedge" and is very convenient. Much obliged for the use of it!

Saw Hiram at Kirkland - just spoke with him - he looked quite poorly. A little boy from Readfield said he was dead for his father. I asked him - if he swore - he said he did.

Last Sabbath afternoon just as Pop, Hannah, Rose & Emma were coming home, Dan'l Stone went into a fit - I could not see his face, but his head shook dreadfully. A great many men in the back part of the stage went out, - they carried him into Lapham's store &c. - It was half an hour before he got over and carry him home - Elijah took him home with our team, I hope their life is always ordered in every respect! Have not yet

before. I bought me a new trunk (Stacy) for .25. like it much
in running and all came to about 3.60. Saw Mr. Upham at both
morning - inquired of Samuel particularly about your Mrs.
Thurston introduced me to Mrs. Jewett. She also was very
kind and particular in her inquiries about you. Said she
thought the Water Cure would be the best thing in the world for you.
Invited me to call on her. Would you. without further ceremony.

I have made what inquiry I could about Watertford. This young
Dr. Nichols went there for his health. Had succeeded no help for that. When
he last wrote, but his general health was much improved - felt in-
vigorated and was in fine spirits. They packed him in wet
sheets several times a day - said it was very disagreeable at
first - took him some time to get accustomed to it. He wrote about
a very bad case of Spinal complaint perfectly cured. As near
as I can learn they have been more successful in their treatment of
Spinal diseases than anything else. Yours was occasioned by
an injury of the Spine, and it seems as though their treatment
might be beneficial to you, but I don't know what to advise you
I am sure. I wish if you do conclude to try it, Mother could go there
to be with and take care of you. I feel as if you will get better
there at home, if you are careful - as the cool weather comes on, you
will feel stronger - but perhaps in some other way you might
get well quicker. I wish you would write to me often and particu-
larly, just how you get along, and all about everything. I want
to see little Charlie terribly. The little boy that lives with Mr. Pettis,
his nephew I believe, broke his leg badly in five or six places last
week. a log rolled on it. Mrs. Taylor's first is to be married in

Bangor - and the Steam Mill is to be shut down. Most all the logs are stowed up, and they can get no more without rain, Samuel says they will have to stop in three weeks if they get no more. Then if we wanted to we could go to Wisconsin. But we should not feel as if it was prudent to go right through so much Cholera. Mother did not tell me exactly what she wanted to do with that money - did you conclude to get silk for the parasol, or wait till next summer. If you get a cloak next winter, if you can send money soon, I can probably get it some cheaper than to wait till winter. Albina's Shoes I will purchase ready to send when an opportunity offers. Guy, I must leave a little room for Samuel - he will write. So will Mother. Good by.

Wednesday Nov 11

Bro Mr. Joseph

I suppose you wish to know about things in this section. I am quite busily engaged at the Mill this week and surveying two Canvas vessels one for the W.I and one for South America I saw Fletcher Monday night he has promised to run something for me to night unless he does fix our business in some way very soon I shall be in favor of securing ourselves. I have no ans from Jackson shall write him again in a day or two. Have got rest things from Hermon yet. I believe there are but few and yet I think that Eliab has not heard from Clark (Dearborn) yet I hear nothing from him and of our debtors. The Brandywine in on her third outward trip. has docked when in last $203, Thurston paid to Lyon $175.00 for us. Paul did not settle I do not like the management very well but can do nothing about it except to grumble.

dinner is waiting

J. M. McLeod

Milo

Me

Hampden Aug. 13th 1849.

Dear Friends

It is washing day. Martha Hannah is not come, and I do not feel like doing any thing else, so will just pen a paper for your behoof, though I don't seem to have any thing in particular to say.

The one great and absorbing topic of conversation here is the "Cholera". I heard so much of it, that for two or three days after I came back I really felt quite alarmed, felt as though it was as likely to be taken any minute as not, but feel quite calm now - do not think much about it. There are so many reports one can hardly tell what to believe. There have been eleven deaths in Hampden and Hermon - I have heard of no new cases within a day or two. No one who was sick recovered. Some say it was "ship fever" brought by a sailor - Whatever it was, it was certainly contagious. Some think it is owing to bad water. Dea. Adams says that forty two years ago that neighborhood about that pond, was almost entirely depopulated by a disease similar to this, denominated then "Cold Plague". For my part I wish I need not think of Cholera again - for a month, but I can hardly keep it out of my mind day nor night. Bro. Crosby & people and Hannah persist in eating Cucumbers freely notwithstanding, Dr. Pitts Cholera cobs & consider perfectly harmless when eaten moderately. I have always eaten them and do not know that they ever hurt me, as for the Cholera I

think nothing about it except when at the house. I do not believe there has been a case of it in town. There have been a number of sudden deaths in the back part of this town Newburgh and Hermon. What the disease may be I do not pretend to know. some say it was brot by a sailor and is the Ship Fever or Black vomit a very fatal disease and contagious others say it is local owing to bad water, and others call it Cholera. It matters not what it is. I feel not the least uneasiness concerning it; Jackson was here a few days since and paid $51,28. which was $5,99. less than the a/c and into it was all he was willing to pay. said the shingles were put in at a higher price than agreed on. I think on the whole it was best to settle with him. but perhaps I done wrong. I sued Fletcher the 4th inst. have not served the writ. shall not at present the attachment is on record. if he looks at the records of Methuen he will see what has been done otherwise he will not know it Thurston sued him the 21st of July. and trustee Pearson Fletcher promised to settle this week last week was to be back to day that he could pay $200, cash and a short piece of paper for ballance. if he does I shall stop the suit and pay costs I saw Jewett last week not water enough to get our logs would it not be well to pay up Brown for repairs on B. and perhaps we can get a discount by paying all up. the Schr has cost him $17,50 and I have paid him $10. ballance about $6.

Samuel wrote he guess you will get anything if Curtis as present. Night ever home. Left for Lee, Friday, and he does not think it the branding year in Enfield.

Tuesday 14th — Isaac would not stay here all night- did not go until Friday. I carried him up to Bangor Thursday P.M. He called up to Uncle Natty's with me. I called at Mrs. Thaxter's — She presented me a very nice linen cambric handkerchief — 1.00 or 1.25 I should think.

It has been very healthy in Bangor until within two or three weeks — Cholera Morbus & dysentery prevails considerably, rather more than usual at this season of the year. Dr. Rich said two or three cases is bad, he would call them Cholera if it was raging there, but as it is, does not. He says no body need fear the Cholera if they would live as he does — cold water, bread and butter and salt beef.

I got those things and sent them, Mother, because you so much desired, but I have felt sorry ever since. It does not seem right to me. I desire to know if all the shoes fitted. Did Charles see Mr. Curtis when he was at Mills? He has received the letter, but I hear no tidings thereof. I think of calling on Mrs. Jewett soon. Margaret's foot has got most well. She was marvelously interested in "Margaret Smith's Journal". It rained so Sunday, we did not go to meeting. What a long day it was! the mill will stop in two or three weeks, unless there comes more rain. What "dog days weather" this is! Isaac brought Elisha a book "Life in earnest", which is very good. I have not seen E. since Thursday — said he was very well then. I don't seem to say much do I guess I'll stop — good bye —

I desire to hear especially & particularly of your health, & this Incog. also whether you conclude to try N. Cure, and if so when.

Lucien Emmanuel
1 Aug 14 1879

Mr. J. M. Wentzel
Paris
France

C. [illegible]

[illegible] 1895.

Thompson. Samuel has gone to Bangor with Col. Wilcox's logs & can not come yet. Will will probably start before the first of the week. Have heard in cases of Ostrom since last writing. Affirmed in one & reversed in the other. Will write fully when I receive.

Wednesday noon

Feb 5th

Our action vs Ireland is dismissed by consent of parties each paying his cost. We still hold the lumber if Ireland gets a good note for $75; we are to release him in full. Jewett is about beginning to saw his lumber. H. F. Ramsay paid. Brandstrom one bill $7.01, some talk of trade Dealing at $10.00, but not much expectation. Wrote very short letters to Clark and the Kings. Think I will not grant Merrill's present petition. The mistake was sued in the District Court and served two weeks ago. I called to see him yesterday was "not at home". I expect he is considerably excited. He was packing his furniture to move to Needlewood. If I can catch it on the road I'll throw him a brick. Ten days after our attachment he deeded to his Mother. What think of the impropriety of securing whereon did it not just passed my mind. Fletcher bot lumber of Pitman on his own ch in Pasham last winter. If that is yet in his hands I attach it tomorrow.

Eve. I find that Fletcher's logs are holden for stumpage and profits in part

of the purchase money. think it not best do any thing in that direction perhaps it will not be best to trouble his furniture as it would create much feeling and we are now safe.

The Gold Hunter was advertised to sail this morning at eight o'clock. some two or three thousand people were on the wharf to witness her departure and listen to an address from the Rev Mr Hedges ten o'clock came and with it the address which I suppose we must pronounce good. after the address came the U.S. Marshall and put an injunction upon her for reason of her not having suitable accomodation for her passengers (60 in number). this was done on account of a protest of a part of her passengers, to wit: those hired by Govement. how the matter will be settled I do not know. There is a great deal of lumber now being shipped to San Francisco. shipping boards have gone up to $12. per M. I do not think it very probable that the mill will start before the first of next week. Hinman began to paint his house monday. will move soon as the paint will admit. in the mean time I shall be getting ready to settle down at home

Yours

Just within I have got her visit and calico. The first time I got Bangor, visit. we probably be there many days if I am well, as Samuel wants me to help select stovepipe &c before the mill starts. Do not think of anything more to write, only That the biggest lump of fat in the ground is mine to see here to night that ever I saw. it was Hollis Hinman's wife The same one that Mr. Kittredge began a tale of his trade of! Love to all - good night - Jeff - daughter and sister Lucy.

Saturday Eve. (Oct. 13th, I believe) 1849.

Dear Brother Joseph

I was at Bangor yesterday, and Thiah gave me your last two letters to him. They made me feel very bad. It seems to me I cannot believe that you are really growing worse. I don't know what to say to you. I cannot bear the idea of your going away, and yet I am afraid it is best. I don't see how you can go. You are not able to endure the journey. It seems to me you will be all worn out before you could get to any water cure establishment.

I do wish, if it is best for you to go at all, that you had gone the first of last summer, when you were better able. I dare not say anything to discourage you, for I don't know but it is best. I don't know what to say. Would it be better (no matter what it costs) to get a good physician doctor to come here and doctor and take care of you, than for you to try to go away so far? But if you do decide that it is best to go, ought not, must not, Mother go with you, and stay as long as you stay. What is money compared with life and health and comfort? I dare not say anything either in favor or against your going, but I would think of it well. I can pray for you, dear brother, and I do constantly, that if it can be, you may be restored to health and strength — whatever may be in store for you. I sympathize with you a great deal, and am very glad that you are so patient and cheerful as you have always been since you became ill. It does not seem right, certainly, in such a

case as yours, to sit still and not try any other means to get well. and if you feel that the Hydropathic treatment would be most likely to cure you, I suppose you ought to try it.

Elick was going to write by Mr. Sutter today in hopes the letter would reach you sooner than by monday's mail. He foolishly and wickedly, I told him, exerted himself so much at the fire (which I suppose he wrote you about) that he was sick abed all day Thursday & could not write by Friday's mail as you desired. He brought the last box of goods out of Hagg's store, had to go in twice after it, and fainted as soon as he got out. I think he did quite wrong. I don't know who would have risked his life to go in after him if he had fainted in the store. Strickland block - total loss said to be $40000 - fifteen thousand insured. Fire was not all out and engines playing last night. burnt Thursday morn

Is there anything that I can do for you or furnish you with, Joseph, if you decide to go. If so please let me know. I have looked so much on having you and Mother come to see us this winter. But never mind, perhaps you will yet. Keep up good courage Josie, and hope for the best. I can not think but that you will get well. We will hope and wait, and try to be willing to have it all just as our Heavenly Father sees best. We know that "He doeth all things well." I must leave a place for Lemmie to write some. Write to me too, won't you Joseph, so I may know just what you are going to do. I don't see. Like to get his letters very often. I want Mother to write too, and all of you. Love to all - affectionately, Sister Lucy.

Brother Joseph

I do not know whether to feel glad or otherwise to learn of your determination to go to a water cure establishment this fall, but hope if you do go that you may receive help from the treatment, What did Dr Co. Russell write you in answer to your letter? When do you think of starting? How are you coming to Bangor? Mr Hinman proposes to move next Thursday if we go to housekeeping before you start you must come here, perhaps we can take as good care of you as they can at H. S. Browns, Had you not better put off starting until week after next, when we shall probably be keeping house then you can stop and get rested, which I think you will need to do. If there is any thing that we can do for you will you let us know, I am not so hurried but I find some spare time which I might devote to your benefit, though I can never tell one day how busy I may be the next, Lucy sent a bundle by father with some things for Rhina and Jane thinks she would like to have Jane sent by stage Monday Oct 22d if there is nothing to prevent, I send an order for her passage

Mrs Millett, I will settle the part of the bearer with Capt Cutts

O. M. Farber

Thurston's note is in the Prairie Bank for collection
Fletcher & have not seen him lately. I have his signature
to settlement, which saved it from the fire. Thursday
morn, Ireland's concern is fixed I suppose
I take a note vs Alvin Foss of Old Town dat May 10th
1859, for $1,75 which I believe to be good and Irelands
note for $3,25, I do not know whether I have
made a good bargain or not, it is as it is
Yrs &c.

Sat'day noon - Stopped after meeting to attend Mary Bass's funeral - he had been away on a journey with his wife - got as far as Unity on his way home and died.

Cannot stop to write more - I do hope you will think best to wait a few days, if you go, and come to our house and get nicely rested before you start Home - Mother ought to be out to be well supplied with good warm flannel drawers & undershirts. It is just as convenient about sending some - only we should like to know so as to be at Bangor for her at the Kalish house. Ought you not at least to come as far as here with Joseph Mother - and Father too!

Love.

Samuel & Lucy.

Hampden Oct. 24th 1847.

My dear dear Brother.

Charles has just been here to tell me that you are gone - and gone without my once more seeing you - it seems as if I cannot have it so. And yet, as Mrs. Crosby says, I ought to feel thankful that you are able to go right on without stopping to rest. I am glad and surprised too, that you could come so quick, and without being more fatigued - I am afraid though, that you were more so than Charles thought, and that it was only excitement that kept you up. I will try to feel that it is all right and best for you to go. May our Father in Heaven bless you, dear brother and care for you, and sustain you, and restore you to us sound and well. I hope it may be so, dear brother, and you must keep up good courage and think you are going to get better. I feel as if some of us ought to be there with you all the time, and yet I suppose we could do you no good, only to be company for you. I did hope we should get to keeping house, and you would come and stay a few days with us before you went, but I suppose it is best as you do, not to. as it is getting late in the season, and the weather growing colder. If you were going, it was probably best for you to keep right on. I suppose Elisha told you that Mr. Jewett saw Samuel, and insisted on your coming right to his house at Bangor. He appears very kind - I should think him an excellent man. We expected just as much as could be, to move today into the Skinner house, - I got

things all ready, and even baked an oven full of good things yesterday, preparatory, but — Mr. Hathorne is very anxious for Samuel to go in there, as he is going to move to Bangor into the Cooper house in about a fortnight — so we have concluded to wait and go there — we like the house much better — more convenient, pleasanter situation, and nearer the mill — we have it this winter for the same rent we should pay for the little house — forty dollars a year — and next year pay eighty dollars. I am of course glad on the whole, but am some disappointed that we cannot move sooner — Pa Crosby has the hyps terribly, and Grandma is very sick, so I know they want us to move. I think I began to write to you pretty soon after you go away but I could'nt help talking a little to you as I could'nt see you. What did you do for comforters &c. I was going to list your sane doings. Guess I'll leave this now, and finish some other day. Had letters from Isaac & Cousin Maria last week. I did threaten to go right home with Charles — how lonesome poor Mother will feel.

Oct. 30th Samuel began his letter on the next page, so I'll finish out this one. Grandma has been very sick indeed It has seemed for a few days as if she could not live, but she seems a little more comfortable this morning. Mr. Crosby has the hyps by spells all the fall pretty bad. Elizabeth seems to feel quite encouraged about you — much pleased that you fell into Lady Purley's care — I have often heard her spoken of as a fine woman — I feel very anxious to know how you are, what they do with you, and how you endure their treatment. I felt very much afraid that the excite-

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Monday eve Oct 19th

And so Joseph you went off without to calling to see us. I suppose you that you were doing right probably you did do right. I have no reason to think otherwise. but we so much expected to see you that we felt very much disappointed,

We expect now to commence housekeeping next week in the Emery house. I think there is but little doubt about that matter now.

I have not seen Fletcher since I came from Milo he has gone to Norridgewock, Morrison thinks we can get judgment in January, Ireland was here one day this week wanted to fix up our a/c should have done it but Elisb had the note. I have no doubt but that the note is good, it is a great trouble to do business through a third person. The Mayo's I have not seen, shall give them a call soon. Shall probably sell Porter's note to Cushing & Stanford, Think I shall leave Wings note and Clark's a/c with Morrison to be clumed some people are afraid of lawyers.

Rec'd a letter from Charles H Metcalf no news, all well. Business at the Mill quite lively sending stocks to Frankfort Hathorn & Co have sold their stocks to W. Brown & Son 88 cts at the Mill a very great trade for Hathorn. Frank is at the bottom of it. in a speculating fit. it is something of Load for Brown $20000, at a very high price. I am doing considerable surveying now, so that I quite profitable to my employers, which is I reckon to my advantage also. Think we shall own the Brandywine some time yet. I expect

If it did'nt get wrecked last night!

Nov 1st Rec'd by Mrs Gen Wing's the forward this morning.

Thurston's note will be paid at maturity. What shall I do with any money of yours which I may have this fall? shall I invest it on demand at six per cent - or on time at a higher rate if opportunity offers?

You will write to us often, will you? Elijah tells us that you stood your journey well, thinks you were better when you got to Walcott than when you left Milo, I hope that such may prove to be the fact and that your appearant improvement was not merely the result of excitement, Write

S. W. S.

ment &c. of the journey was all that made Elijah think you were better, but I hope not - I do feel that there is hope that cold water system will help you. Margaret says there is a very fine young man there - Williams - son of the former Baptist minister in Hampden, whom she hopes you will become acquainted with - He went there on account of deafness. Has not yet received any benefit. What a terrible storm last night - Seems to me I never knew anything like it before. I fear we shall hear sad tidings from the sea. You will write to us often, dear Joseph? How much we want to know all about you - every thing about your situation - how you feel & what they do for you. I think likely Isaac can leave to go and see you, if he can not get away long enough to come here. I hope he will - Samuel got another Vol. of Kent's Commentaries from the Library for himself, and a Vol. of Shakespeare for me. Shall we continue so to do in your name? How often shall we write to you? As often as you do to us? You will write soon and often, won't you?

Your affectionate sister Lucy.

Hampden Nov 7th 1849

Brother Joseph

We have just rec'd yours of the 3 we feel somewhat disappointed that you tell nothing not a word about your health. I think you might have said something about your own case.

I do most certainly hope that your folks will not shut down this fall. Can't they obtain cold water in the winter season? You conclude I infer from your letter that you think of us as keeping house in our own hired Hinman house. but not quite so fast if you please. we expect to live in the Emery house when Hathorn moves. he cannot move for the want of a wife expects one from Boston next Boat but the next boat has not yet arrived, it has been expected for one week will probably be in the next few days.

Thurston's note was paid the 3. $366.25, Eliab sold some shingles left in the stone cellar $11,50, Fleteen "in statu quo" rest of the schooners "hauled up" I bot to day of W. Brown & Son 180 bbls of flour, new Oswego. Haddan U.S. inspector $5,50 in them (an exception to your friend Soule's mill) stow. I shall get it insured which will probably cost 1,00 more, making the whole cost about $1005; I rec'd notice from Co of Pascataqua that my money was at my order, have not rec'd it, Do you wish for an interest to the amount of money in my hands? or interest on your money, I do not think the prospect very flattering for any thing more than a

fair rate of interest, but I prefer it to letting money
Thurston wanted to use his money and give a two
months draft; I should liked to have accommodated
him and did intend to before buying the flour -
I think he is getting along quite well.

I believe that my knee is about well. It is very seldom
that I feel any lameness. I think the pitch plaster helped it
much. Mrs Crosby has the real horrors now. it certainly
is a very dreadful disease, this hydro.

Prof Shepherd preached Sunday P M from the words
of Peter. "depart from me for I am a sinful man O Lord"
The character of Peter was his subject and such a
sermon, the fallacy of the Roman Catholic position that Peter
was Bishop of Rome for twenty five years was clearly
exposed. it is almost certain that he never was at Rome
The Universalists did not escape his attention. he shew
how very improbable it is that such a doctrine would
produce such effects as did Peters Preaching, such as
led the Jailer to cry out; "Sirs, what must I do to be saved"
Elial thinks Mr Webb will be settled over the Third
Church, think I shall sing at the Hall after this. as Mary I with-
wishes me to.

Sat. Nov. 10th Your last letter of the 6th inst. was rec'd last
night, together with letters from Mr Tracy, Pa Foster & Olive.
Didn't we have a good time reading them all. Yes we did.

You speak highly of Mr. Jewett and family, and with reason,
I should judge - I take back all I said about Hannah Moore
not being so handsome as I expected - The more I see her
handsomer she grows - truly a fine form - very little

By the way (don't carry it) I'm only down it through her should I should like to become acquainted with them. Since Mr. Bar his death, Miss Rose has been in Mr. Mc. Donald's class. But now when I want to stay to S. School more than ever, I cannot, as the time for meeting is changed and we have not time to get our dinner & stop to S.S. They say things go on more Lively since she has been in the class. How we do like Prof. Shepherd! and how he does preach - especially Sometimes! Next Sabbath on Peter's fall & recovery - I am very anxious to hear it, but fear it will rain, as it does today. I wish Mr. Crosby could get to Water Cure - He is a wretched man as he is now adays - I should hardly be surprised if he should commit Suicide some day - though just like now he has not courage to do it. I don't know how many times he has said he was in hopes the Cholera would have carried him off. One trouble is, he has always been in the habit of eating Luncheons at all times and seasons - drinking tea & coffee &c. You do not say what is the matter with your friend Dole - nor whether he has received benefit - I am very sorry you are to lose such good society - I know it is difficult for you to find one where society you really enjoy, as you seem to do. With regard to my own health - I call it very good now. I do not doubt that I have some spinal disease about me very slight however - but if I have plenty of exercise & not too much sedentary employment, presume it will not grow upon me, in which case I shall call myself well. I don't see why you don't write something about yourself - What we most want to know, you do not even mention.

Do you feel as well as before you left home? Is the head more agreable or otherwise? But I won't ask questions, lest you answer them as the renowned Charles Lowell of Ellsworth had his answered! Please give more particulars with regard to your own case in your next.

I wish we were - as you seemed to suppose in your first letter - moved and settled - for our consolation - Mrs. H. has at last returned from Boston, and we expect they will move first of the week - when we shall immediately step into their present place. It seems to me twelve patients per such an establishment is a very small number. How much are your expenses per week? Mrs. Crosby wishes to know. Why do you speak so discouragingly of your own case, when you say Dr. Deane is improving? Is not his a much worse case than yours? Don't think of anything more to say now - so I'll wait a while.

Monday noon.

Hathorne begins to get ready to move this day. will probably get moved in all this week. Did not attend meeting yesterday. Mrs. Peabody did not hear Prof. Stowe

Salem May 7 1849

Hampden Dec 14th 1869

Brother S. H.

I think I owe you a letter which has been over due for several days. I have no excuse to offer only I have been very busy and throw myself upon the mercy of the court. I feel somewhat disappointed by the refusal in relation to your health in Elias's last letter. I cannot believe yet but that you may receive help from some source. Flour. I bought Nov 7th 180 bbls $5,50. 2 dls truckage 1 ct hoisting 1 ct per month storage ½ per cent insurance for 4 months. $1,00 for policy. $5,56⅔, and storage. I think it will sell for $6,00. without commission

Brandywine has paid $54,34. will probably pay $12,00 for the present freight. say $66,00. cost $31,50. balance $34,50 without any interest a/c. I presume there is no talk that sum shall let kept dealing have her with interest where he thinks best probably at Frankfort. I hear nothing from Fletcher. Baker of Bradford is sold. all mortgaged up to Brown. Porter. exchanged his note for Bushing & Hayfords payable first of Jan. Lot of old shingles sold of Elias $11,30 Sent T. H. Swazey $17,38. balance and int. Have not seen any of our other Dr's. shall visit them soon. Our mill shut down the 8th I have not engaged any scaling. shall not probably do much this winter. Elias bot for me of Wm. Dan ½ of H. H. Crosby a boat $216. Hall Brown & his son Frank will yet make money out of their stock. I talk with Hall more the Son has gone to Cuba. for his health. and I please his friends

Eliab I suppose stays with Mr Brown another year $400.
Mr Webb preached at the Hall last Sabbath he certainly preached
very well, I think the Third Parish will settle him another
year. Mr Jewett is in Bangor this winter have not seen enough
of him to judge of your opinion. I see nothing to dissent
to dispute with you and I think Eliab is of the same
opinion of yourself as regards as I am a member
of the family. There is a new block of six wooden stores
nearly completed where Strickland's block was burnt
Jane is here on her tip toes feels as well as she can and Lina
is a very good girl and a big help to Lucy. John
is boarding with us attending the Hampden Academy
have killed our winter stock of hens (35) and packed them in snow
There will be a large number of teams in the woods
this winter. hay is now worth $12. in Milo it is tho't that it will
be much higher towards spring. W H & S are supplying corn
they charge now for flour $6,75 which could be bought such
flour as theirs for $5,50 It is not surprising that they never
yet supplied a man but that came out in their debt,
Their high prices and Tr d — y are enough to ruin any
man. What should you think of my building three or
four small tenaments near the mill to rent to Irish families
they would cost probably from $75 to 100, each and rent for
$96 per year and the rents safe. I am inclined to believe
that they would be good property.

H. H. Barber.

I suppose dear Brother Josie has been looking for a letter
some time. I know we ought to have written before, but we
have both been very much engaged, as you may suppose
moving & arranging things which had been scattered in so

many places so long, besides "shutting down" and discharging men - We moved about three weeks since - I have worked pretty hard, necessarily, took cold I suppose, & suffered for a few days from Lame shoulder & side (rheumatism) but 'tis better now - Our house is very convenient in every part & comfortable, we have it furnished to our mind, and feel more settled than before since we were married - Pretty carpet, real pretty French sofa, $32. centre table &c. in sitting room, carpet, bureau, sink &c. in best Chamber, Chamber for John, another for Jane, large, convenient bedroom below ~~stairs~~ entirely - stair carpet, & oil cloth &c. in front entry, dining room with cook stove in it this winter, nice convenient kitchen beyond - a great abundance of clothes presses, closets & drawers all over the house. Wish you could pop in now & then, like last summer, & have good times with us, as then. Mrs. Finnegan helped me pick & draw 30 chickens last week - the fattest creatures I ever saw - packed them in snow - Samuel got some nice Buckwheat flour, with syrup prepared on purpose, for fritters - very nice. Jane is happy as a lark & a capital good girl - She got her dress, cloak bonnet, aprons &c. I tell Sam'l & Elish they'll spoil her - She is bright. She wants dreadfully to see a rat. Said today she did wish she could find a whole nest of young ones, with the old one on - She would wring their necks & set the cat on." Guess I wanted to laugh. She is certainly a very capable child - owing to Mother's faithful training - Her right shoulder blade protrudes - I don't know the meaning of it. I expect Mother will come down, & I so want to have her. Elish was here Thanksgiving day - and came down last Sat. night

Acid till Mond. morning - Boil on his leg - not so bad as before - ought to get better cure! I can't leave my family to go, you know - ought to have gone last summer - if at all - guess I don't need it - write to Ann this week - ought to write Isaac tonight, and 'tis nine o'clock - Shoulder been bad since I couldn't write - good deal to do for Jane besides all my other work - I don't know what to say one word about your remaining there or coming home - I cannot endure to think that nothing will help you, and it certainly seems as if your present treatment would help as any. Miss Roxanna Sweet (Joseph's sister) who visited Margaret Crosby last week, does aver that Mary Power is engaged to one Hinkley, who is going out as a Missionary - I rec'd a letter from Mary recently - She is attending school at Woburn Mass. Her roommate, Miss Lord, it is said is engaged to a brother of Mary's betrothed. Mrs. Crosby continues hypo. bad - Margaret been sick - don't think of anything more now - Am hungry - half sick and sleepy - I hope Dr. P. was so naughty as to say you wouldn't getting any better, ~~just~~ to break up the distasteful business, rather than because it is so. I write particularly all about yourself - good night brother -

His Sister.

I am causing Jane to write

Hampden April 13th 1850

S. L. Metcalf Esq.

Dear Sir

I left with your agent E. W. Metcalf yesterday the amount due on Metcalf & Forbes. One hundred dollars and fifty five cents $100,55. Will you please to send me the note. Got up Steam at the Mill to day. I do not want for Hatton. I have the promise of an appointment to survey here and will probably have my limits extended indefinately The ice departed yesterday noon full of logs and holes

C.

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S. W. H

J. M. Metcalf

Do you want any money? How much? and when? Have slipped Capt Paul in the absence of Arnold dealing. he took it very ungraciously. Capt Jellison went to Frankfort yesterday to bring up the Brandon sails then for Pa and $10. per month. we expect to try to sell them next week if we can for all we can get. The Senator is in the Surgeons care at Brunswick

Send your obligations for that beautiful book mark & I will deliver them to Miss Moore. Margaret visited me yesterday.

Yours

I went to Hannon's this week. rec'd to day $15. of Mayo. and a promise for the balance due next week. closed the Oliver Black concern yesterday. Settled with S. F. Barton got a note payable when he demands it.

Further your deponent is silent.

Inevitable is going to help me manufacture a rig, The long talked of. - I want a black broadcloth, can color some, but I fear not enough - if there is any old black flannel or other thin suitable material - or for that matter, any other color, I can make it black - which is not wanted in those regions, and you can send it by Isaac, or otherwise in the course of two or three weeks, it would do me good. Lucy.)

Why don't ye write.

Samuel did just in the above "brackets or hooks" as I am done writing.

Hannaford
1857

Hampden Apr. 18th 1850.

Albina & Lizzie come on to the docket today. Saml is appointed to survey at the Mills, and Walter Brown says he shall have him "surveying with those, so I suppose he will. My fingers are cold - in the dining room devoid of fire. I did not go to sewing circle yesterday, but will thank Miss Moore vigorously when I do go. She gave the mark to me requesting me to send it - Libe had nothing to do with it. My teeth were all finished Monday - eight cavities - mostly very large filled, two teeth & roots extracted, tartar removed, for $8.25 - not bad charge, was it. Saml is going to have his done next week. Lizzie spent the afternoon & night here last Wednesday. Pa Crosby Cast evening. Mrs. Mason's health very poor - heart disease & Dropsy

J. M. Metcalf

I send you Hulls Louisville $1.50, Physical Theory of a future life $1.75: There were at last advices nine barrels of flour unsold at Milo. I will send an exposition of the affair so soon as I see the balance of sales from Milo. which I expect in a few days I am spending some time every day at Brewers looking after the Senators. think it better to know what is done than to beat down on settlement.

The Brandywine Capt Jefferson is now on the passage from Frankfort to Bangor, it is somewhat provoking that she is a week getting from Frankfort when others have gone out-bounded. Did not advise Cutts to break his contract

Lucy & Samuel Hampden

April 16. 1830

July 18th 11

after School in school house

La Grange July 9th 11

Dear Sis

Bro. and Bro. Sr. my contemplated journey to Miss Vermont will be put off, to the indefinite future though I have only a few moments before I must go to bed. About this time I feel like talking with you a little, for I suppose that you of all others can best sympathize with me; if indeed I deserve sympathy after having left my quiet and happy home & entered voluntarily on this scene of vexation. I had made up my mind to spend the rest of the Summer at home, but I do not deny that the "Almighty dollar" (or "filthy lucre" as some would have it) possesses some influence over me as well as other people. I suppose I, as most others, teach for the pay; and one thing I am sure of, we School-masters earn all we get; it will be known to future ages. Here I am in La Grange snugly ensconced at one Wm. Kenney's, who, I believe is an acquaintance of your father's from Old Hampshire State. As good luck would have it, I went not to Wm. Scott's to board. I believe friend Libby thought, not ~~best~~ good that I should live on beans this summer, or be lived upon by B. B's. Do you understand this?

Some people conclude that you did not receive the best of treatment last Summer, but Wm. Libby says you kept your own counsel. I told him I should leave my case in his hands, but if he did not provide a good boarding place, I should go with rebel, and go straight home. He says he'll be on me well used; so I feel quite at ease on that

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on the bank near a beautiful Spring on Chenles' upper Est. where were about twenty head of cattle struck with wonderment at our operations, and strongly inclined to dispute our right to invade their territories.

My school is not the worst in the world by any means, but I think it the most wearisome one I ever had charge of. Have about 40 scholars, the oldest only 13 years old. Such an array of little ones I never before saw together. Sixteen Abecedarians! Mr. Solman kept her three weeks before she was turned away, so I shall probably have no more than eight weeks or thereabouts to keep. We seldom find ourselves so badly situated that there are no pleasant things to counterbalance the disagreeables - and I usually find it the happiest way to "look on the bright side", enjoy what there is to be enjoyed, & as much as possible forget the rest. Contentment is in the state of our mind, not in our condition. I am too selfish for a school-teacher. The schoolmarm is expected to take an interest in everything pertaining to everybody's "little dears", be they never so ugly or disagreeable. She must bear with patience, & interest if possible all the long yarns which garrulous old women are blessed to spin for her, nod assent to this, and "shake the negative" to that, when her wearied spirit would fain wander away to seek repose in a more congenial atmosphere. As I said before I have myself & mine to much to bestow so much care and thought on strangers. Yet I ought to think sometimes of doing good, and hope I do. If you have patience to read this though, you are a wonderful child. I didn't know I was in my power to make such an awful boring letter; but I beg you'll excuse it. Written in exceeding haste, very warm, hand trembles. Do write to me often won't you? Makes me feel better for a week to have a letter from home! Love to all. Good bye

Lucy.

score at present. Mr. Kenney is "straight as St." as the saying is. Mrs. K. has a pretty eye, - don't you think so? They have seven pretty, red-cheeked children. Little Johnny that had fits is a beautiful boy, except his eyes. I never knew there could be so much beauty in a childes countenance apart from forehead & eyes.

What a pity he is so injured! His mother seems to love him more than any of the others. I conclude these folks are pretty clever. I staid at Mr. Libbey's the first night. Mrs. L. is in very truth a notable great good-natured sociable soul, isn't she? They say "Mehitable is a real nice girl - yes Mehitable is the first rate of a girl, but she's dreadful bashful." However that does not lessen her any in my esteem. These people want to see you, and I am sure I do, so if you please some of these long days you may get one of your good brothers to harness old Dobbin into the chaise, then you may jump in & come jauntily down here, stay as long as you please & then wend your way home again. The ride would do you good & the visit would do me more good than I can tell you. Why don't you? I had no thought of leaving Mrs in such haste when I last saw you. Mr. Libbey came after me Mond. morn. and found me at (not in) the bathing house. Mother had just returned from Exeter, and I could hardly make up my mind to come at any rate; but he over-persuaded me. By the way let me tell you what a fine time I had while Mother was gone. Sat. P.M. after being alone till I wanted to see somebody, Mr. Greenleaf came & invited me to a boat ride and Pic Nic. There were fifteen of us children included. We went about three miles up the river & stopped in an old house where the chambers are on the ground floor. Then we came back about a mile & took tea

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La Grange Aug. 4th /46.

L. H. Metcalf & Orion & Mehitable Amber greeting.

I conclude from my feelings 'tis about time for me to direct another 'epistle' at you; so for fear you should receive it unlawfully & return Via Ohio.

First and I have a fine ride down here. It didn't look much like home here as the place I now live did, but it answers for a temporary home. I found a dozen or less of my friends at Mr. Kennays waiting and watching. My school I am happy commenced is not quite as large as Hope. Not more than thirty five or so usually. I received Ellen last week from Abram & Isaac. Why not from you too? Isaac's letter by some queer mistake was sent unsealed! Don't know who read it. Papers from Joseph also contained not much interesting except Uncle Ansel's poetry. "Heathen Invitation" and "Tonga (not great) woman". Know the latter I will explicate.

"If Willie was our Lords pleasure
And added to life one pleasure,
If Tonga on this day increase
And multiply our treasure.
She last last gift is more than heaven
Was woman - love possessing -
Those words thou - thou only even -
No accept of half a blessing." What think

you of the Author's Logic? I admire to see a large woman now and then for variety's sake, but should not like to see all so.

Well Mehitable, has your Wisconsin fever "burned" yet? And has Alice disposed of the old romantic notions? See her by no means to destroy any of them. They'll all come in play in the course of time. When you all get off there to "Farber Land" I venture to say you'll find use for them!

Alice, I am disgusting. Nobody'll hear me. How does Mr. Lyford like Wisconsin? As I look forward into futurity I can see Mr. and Mrs. James Lyford seated on a "great high stool", shall I say, with sparkling eyes & happy hearts, enjoying a felicitous "tete a tete" or — on a low bench in the chimney corner of a log hut, with rueful faces and still more rueful feelings, their heads resting on their hands, condoling with each other in sad and melancholy tones, and bemoaning the "Wisconsin fever" of "by gone years", and the "Iowa fever" of later times? Ah! that's the picture.

As for Mehitable, she goes out there a blooming blushing maiden of some eighteen Summers, to prey for some of Sarah's "open mouthed old bachelors and amorous widowers". Take alive! They will "Never Somebody" with a will, when they get her. Well seriously I don't feel in a mood for joking — not at all. I can't think of your emigrating, and cannot yet believe that you will. This "Plantation" is too pretty a place to be deserted in that way. I predict that if you do forsake the

"home of your fathers" you will all repent. I know how you must long to see your brothers. I have often thought of and felt for you, though I know I cannot fully enter into your feelings. As you say, I have never been separated from "so many, so far, so long". It is most true that

"There are sorrows,
Keen & poignant in the hour that bears
Its own keepsake."

"Who can penetrate into the secret recesses of the heart? Who save He that made it, may know its tumultuous throbbings, or delve its hidden depths of affection, passion, sorrow and joy?" When you want to say something & can't, it's just as well to let somebody else say it for you, isn't it? Application, extracts above.

Aug. 5th. Don't you wish you could see "our Oats" down here, all round the house & up to "t'other place"? Mr. Kenney sowed 70 bushels this year. My beautiful field of clover is gone!

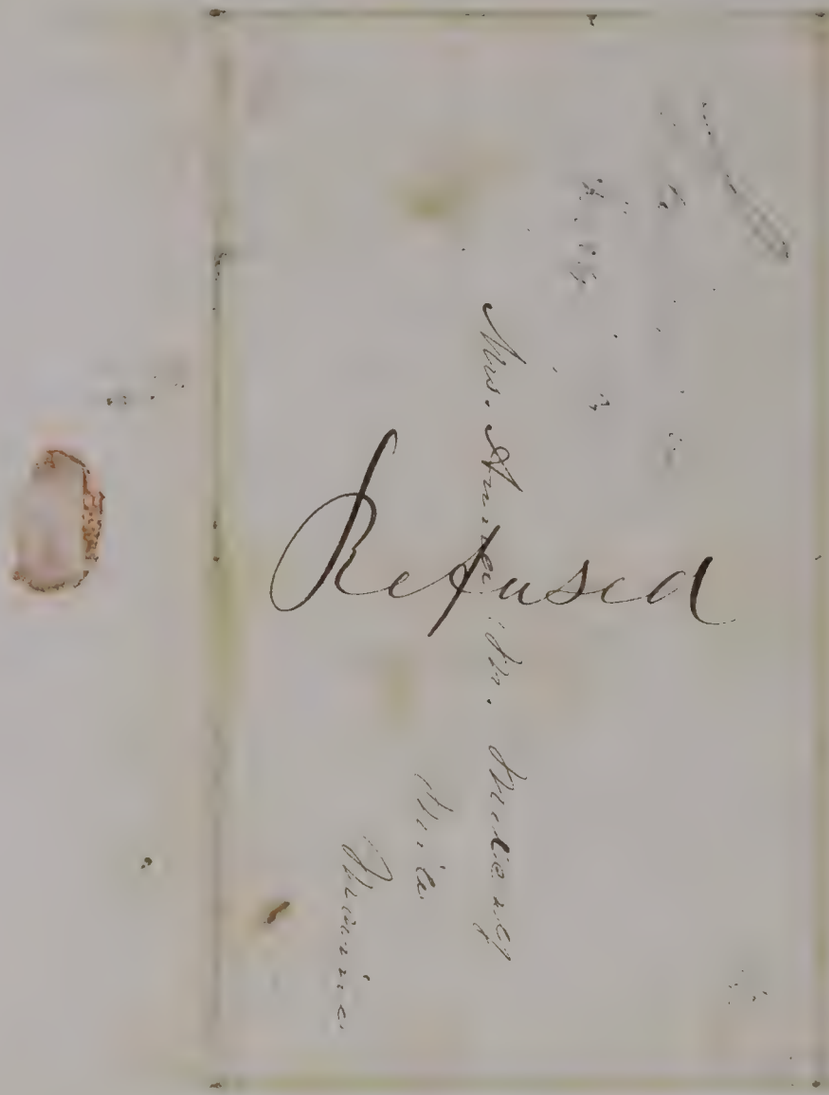
"The clover scented swath
Which the scythe must swept (has swept) so soon".

What fine evenings now-a-days. If 'tis being 'sentimental' to love the moonlight, I must plead guilty to the crime. I have "stern reality" all day. Why should'nt I indulge in "moonlight fancies" now and then at night? Do you have any blueberries? William Benton sent Mrs. K. a few one day. I want some more. Well Jennie, between you now, don't you owe me a letter? I don't say much 'cause Mr. Hall is so fond of my tongue, but I should esteem it a great favor if you would both write to me any time & all times. Affectionately

Lucy A. C.

Mitchell's, I am informed that Miss Louisa Ann Foster would be "very pleased" to see you. Dieu Veuille qu'elle se borne à vous! Has Tom to write this week, is sick now- I think it is Consumption. Catharine Pearly seems to pretty good girl, though I see it much disagreement in our ménage. Mr. J. Libby treats all the girls. Adieu! Adieu en attendant!

Write me a good long letter next week, and you



Remember me to all the girls in the house. Direct to Mrs. Anne Pierce Saco Maine. Do remember me to Mrs. Libby. Write me a long letter, and tell me all the news. Direct to Mrs. Anne Pierce Saco Maine. Adieu! Adieu! Adieu!

My dear dear Father, Mother Smith, and all the dears

I have made my toilet, Breakfast, put my room in order, and now I despatch the next thing I do is to begin a letter to send home. We get up Sunday and Stephen about seven o'clock, there we eat breakfast and dress and then at half. Attend at Mr. Brooks about five o'clock. Treat with, partake, put up with the house - nice, homely, & pleasant. Some good sort of people, members of the church communicants & sociable. Mrs. Crosby's Brother, a very pretty old lady lives with them. We have the large Parlor Chamber, there I now am, sitting by a comfortable fire all alone & myself. With you and Jo. near me with our pen. sitting in the sun by the window is the sweet little Primrose with eleven beautiful blossoms, much larger than last year. besides buds too numerous to mention. Mrs. Hale has the tall Cactus, with some thirty buds, some of which are nearly blown. It is also a beautiful thing. You would delighted to see Joseph. I don't put your brain into requisition pretty often last night. We read two or three books besides all, but very much, full of notes. I did so forget to take down multiplication tables, which we had before dinner, as the first time the reads like Barbarous letter, so is mine not like them so much.

Mary's thoughts turn & remain on home. Sometimes when we read it last night, and now it is. The Primrose in bloom has two blossoms open. I think you could see it from the street like Primrose does in [illegible]. Mrs. Crosby [illegible]

it's a darling thing because it responds every moment in it's year. Our sitting room chamber is large and very pleasant & front windows command a fine view of the river. I can hardly look out without seeing one or more vessels, & now and then a steamboat. Last week I wrote to Cousin Nancie, and mean to finish the long talked of Morning piece. Hope it will look considerable pretty. Miss Lee sends many matters of fancy and mending. We went to Bangor (Central church) to meeting yesterday. Heard a first-rate discourse from the subject of Christ's condemnation of Pilate. One cannot take away from him, nor find any thing else about him to criticise. It must elevate, enlarge the mind and want more to hear such a man, than Mr. Ewell and the like. One must feel - cannot but enjoy it when he talks. It is indeed a privilege to attend a good meeting which some people know nothing about. It is a very little farther from where we shall live, to Bangor than to Hampden, but not so many hills, and I think we shall be amply repaid for our trouble. Dear Joseph, they don't sing well. Not as good singing as they have it Mills sometimes. After it shall be done about it. What a shocking day it is! I hope it changes this week for we will end it. I do so enjoy sleighing time. I want to see you all, more than ever last fall I really believe! Brother, you will write to me. Don't think Joseph can do it all. I can't do without letters from you, too. I know Jos. will write, and mother Lizzie, and Charles too. How glad I should be to get one letter from Linus. I want to see them, too. Good bye.

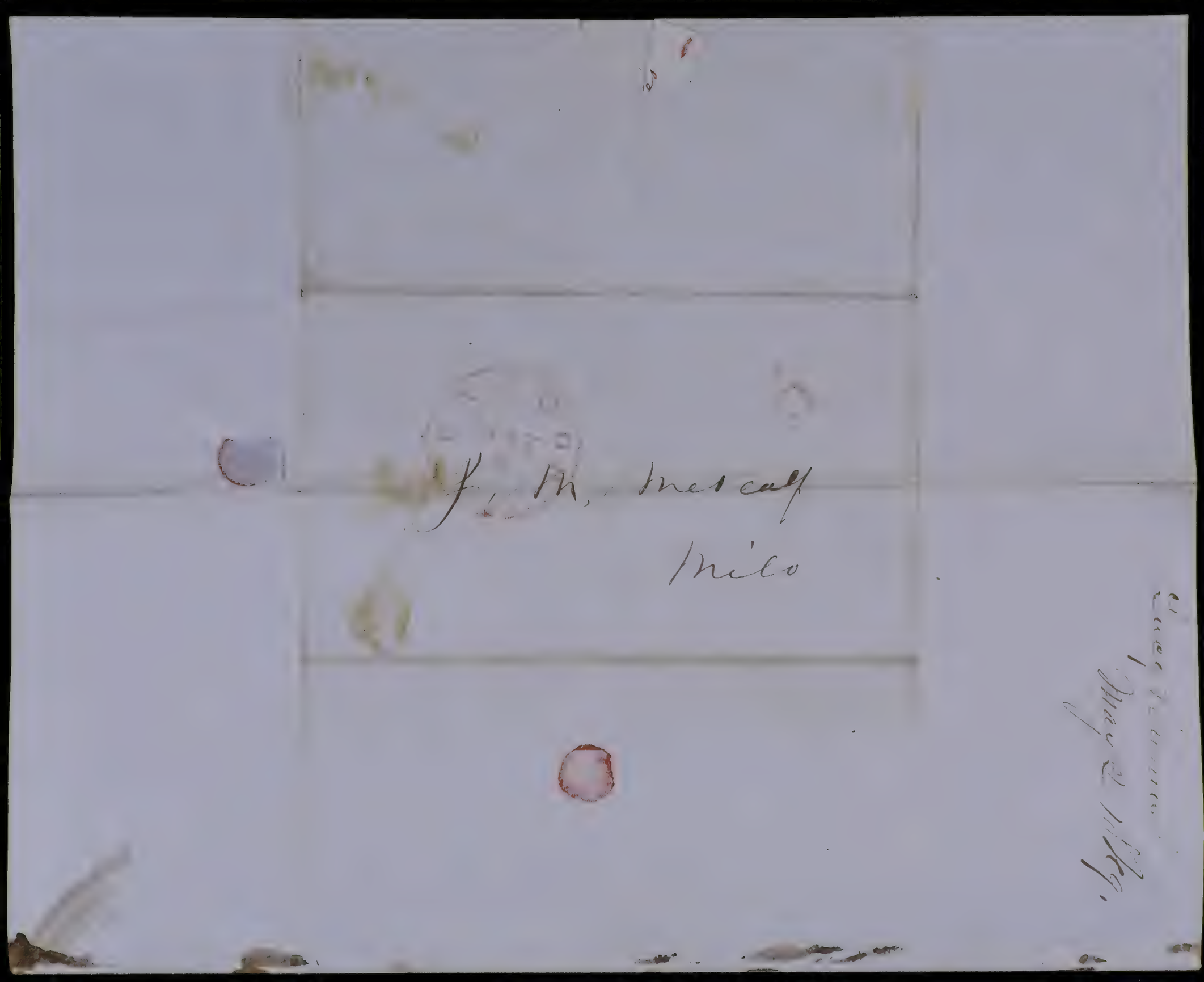
Lucy.

Bro. Joseph

I have not yet been to Hermon, think I shall go this week. saw Leavitt Saturday. says there is no water in the stream. he starts this mill in a few days. wants to saw our logs will saw shingles for $1.75 on one half the extras & 1/2 and all the 2s. I think it best to trade with him, to what will be the proportion Ex & I if we saw all the logs into shingles?

May o has 1/2 $15. on his note. wants to settle with please forward, In what way is he holden for Goodspeed? have not seen Thurston, wood do not have No 10. no tenant yet; Uncertain yet when we shall go to keeping house, shall not probably know any thing definite for two weeks Please write and tell how your health comes on I am busy shall depend on you in a measure to remind me of what is my duty

Yours Truly



Bangor Hampden Oct. 11 — 1849.

Dear Mother & all
Oct. 11. 1849

Mr Foster came this morning & is going home sometime next week - so I'll send things by him. Jane's drawers - I could not tell where to put on the buttons, so if you will please to sew on her pantalettes I will fix them afterwards. I send also old Chemise of Lucy's which I fixed last spring. Guess though I'll only send one of each, as she is coming so soon, it will make a bigger bundle. The only veils I could find were 1,25 and, 75; so I got the latter, and two yds of ninepenny calico - Hamilton print warranted not to fade - Suppose it will make Charley two aprons, won't it. Shawl I suppose Jane will want to wear down - the effect now to more last of next week. I believe I left my famous pattern skirt on the shelf in the dark closet where I put my things - Should be almost undone without it - and cannot find it here - please to send with Jane if you find it. Also if you please lend me the loan of Mrs. Gomery's picnic, for the sake of letting Margaret read "Wanderer of Switzerland". There is every prospect of our going to housekeeping now, but I have hardly dared to think much about it - There are so many changes - we know not what a day may bring forth. If we do get into a nice little home of our own, I shall depend very much upon having all of you come and see us. Mother, you will not do much as think that you cannot - Joseph, you will of course come and stay a long time, if you are well enough, and Mother with you. Charles & Albion and dear little Charley - I shall feel hurt if they do not - I know they can, if they only think so, and it will do them all good. I do want to see [illegible] real hug and kiss for me. "Gold [illegible] emigrant ship lost in the gale last [illegible] tor - a hundred lives lost. Have

heard of no cases of Cholera for some days - I have written letters to Anne and Isaac - ten pages each - since I came back - including what Samuel wrote - Father brought us some tatas, butter, stewed apples for housekeeping! How it has rained today - I have wondered and wondered why none of you have written, when I expected a letter so soon - How I want to hear from Alameda & Sprained foot, and how you all do and feel. Dear Joseph, are you not well enough to write a little to me, often - and won't you take it upon yourself to plead with Mother to write. How few letters I have had from any of you this summer! I am one of the family yet, am I not.

I suppose I should have told you before that Dr. Mills died last Tues. afternoon. Samuel has been - I cannot tell you how busy since. I suppose, Joseph you have seen the Obituary notice of John D. Kilby - Dr. Mc. Rue's student, who died of Cholera - the same one I suppose, who was at Doxcroft when we were & entered College at the same time with Isaac. Mr. Crosby has got the regular groaning and taking on hypo - not so bad as he is sometimes though. It is very distressing certainly, to hear and see him - what it must be to endure it I know not. While I think of it. Let me ask you, if you find a Citizen having the Poetry, "Fisins of Nazareth passeth by," to send it for one - I set much by it.

Next morning - Father is just going - I cannot tell yet when we shall move exactly & will then write again - in great haste - good bye &

Love.

"J. Jas Newton"

"My dear Eliza, a long time
I've wished to write to you a line,
And now as I've opened each my way,
Nothing shall hinder or delay.
The subject upon which I write
To you, I fancy, will be light;
Perhaps 'tis what you wish explicit-
Therefore I write you to inform
And, wonder well, on your behalf
To me an answer, or relief
That you have made a true choice
For, or against, entrusting me;
For know, you are the delight
Of my mind by night & daytime.
I've always loved you tenderly
Since we met accidentally
In the brick store on Chestnut Street,
For there is where we first did meet.
Since then, I've pondered much thereon,
Deliberated, likewise, long;
And now make known my earnest wish,
Hoping, ere long, to learn the drift
Of your researches in this case,
And whether I must erase
Those tender feelings of my heart
Which ever yet have been your part.
Hoping, dear E. that this may not
Be my unhappy, wretched lot,
I ever rise as now remain,
Very sincerely yours, James."

This letter read, and pondered well,
Eliza was much at loss to tell
What course it would be best to take,
Also what answer she should make.

she's "in for the position" plumps down,
with great propriety and care,
And now she can't be sure of her life,
Till whether she will be his wife.

Quite too unusual for your use, Jos. Say you
not so? Besides [redacted] is in the Seminary. I
beheld him the other day with the bodily eyes.
There is nothing in this, however, which can be recognized.

Read, if you please, the following extracts
from a work by G. P. R. James Esq.

"Methinks I see you sitting with the indication digit of your sinister hand" (which hand is that?) "pressed softly on the cheek of youth, the eyebrow raised, one eye to heaven, the other to earth with a slight poetical squint upon your countenance and your bosom heaving sighs like a pot of hot broth".

[illegible] Dr. Jones
[illegible] & he was greatly
pleased - but about a week be-
fore they went home, his usual bra-
ces & exalted blood was washed
away with a syringe - they had
remained in the bone since last
June & prevented its healing, which
it did immediately after they
were removed. You recollect it be-
gan bleeding after it was done up
by Dr. Shepherd & he did not
undo and clean it, so he thought
which caused all the trouble. He
felt very unwilling to perform the
operation if it could be avoided
he said. His words were quite
somewhat and he thought I was
just his way, instead of knowing what
he was about, & it would be both
difficult & dangerous. You &
and Alexander feel attended to

1856?

dissatisfied with [illegible]
Capt. Pendleton's last letter is unfortunate
like about three weeks - two
thought he almost well, writing
about the nurse &c. [illegible] he heard
another & it is now considered very
doubtful whether he will recover.
Drs. Rich & Field, two real old
fashioned <u>Kelly</u>'s attend him - he did
not have Dr. McRae - Blair says
they feed him on Oatmeal & Cod Liver
Oil. Our people think if he does not
get well, he will not die of starvation
& lack of medicine. Blair has fun
with him a good deal - you know
Dr. Rich won't allow a tea spoonful
water about a patient. If he
should be taken away, it would
seriously affect business matters
all around. I was very glad to
hear of Isaac's safe return to
Lynchburg. I should think it would
begin to feel unsafe about Lynch
Perhaps Early will have [illegible]

[illegible] there - he is going back in about
[illegible] weeks - I wonder they want
[illegible] Let if [illegible] he
would [illegible] there alone. I should say
[illegible] - but what
[illegible] the two state letters do if he
is going to [illegible] their authority
& his [illegible] opinion them?
O, the letters for [illegible] in the
[illegible] are so good now days.
Sir [illegible] you have to return. I
have been reading the "Twelve Side
Lights" - Could hardly have patience
to go through it. If one did not know
better, they would think Mr. Adams
a fool. At any rate, he was foolish.
If they are [illegible] it is not to be made
known, I think you could [illegible]
the story of it. Rose [illegible]
Nettie - she wants to hear about it.
Walter Rider is getting along nicely -
It was no small trial to Almeda
to [illegible] them this winter, without

[illegible] to him on account his sickness—
Sally, with her [illegible], thinks she is happy
& is so much, while she cannot rest
[illegible] sometimes take, & all she
does, which is hardly ever [illegible], but [illegible]
Almeda & Lizzie could [illegible] do
either without them with them I could do
much confusion & [illegible] so
so much better for Lizzie.

2 P. M. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
(Prey [illegible] collect) but soon came home, to
[illegible] go to Searsport again, having
received telegraphic notice to be there
Friday. He has been there about three
weeks in all already & has got one more
week to work, O, this lumber— there
will be good when it is all disposed of.
Lizzie has left Maine because they do not
[illegible] cooking, though I think one
reason was that her friends feared heretics'
influence— they are glad to be alone— will do
[illegible] & [illegible] with
washing & ironing— Mattie has written
you so lately that I need not say much
about them— They— especially Nat—
Elisha— are perfectly [illegible] in the boat—
It is a smart little boy, but not so good look-
ing as Gertie was, I think. So please
please [illegible] Sell [illegible]
about me [illegible] for Sally [illegible]
[illegible] all at once the [illegible]

Tues 21

After so long a
of letter silence between us I
ertainly, upon this Sabbath a
Olympian air of
h me, indeed
wonder
ve stayed since we have written
each other; but Lucy I have at
the while felt that it was a
and privilege, for the inglo
I was suffering the pangs of
enjoyment: and if that was
only misstep of which I had
guilty I should be spared a
remorse and misi
I may
by disparticipation
ways of pleas
and all whose paths are pea
I dare not Lucy that
have not

my folly and [illegible]

God has in mercy been pleased to make me in some measure sensible of my unworthiness and incline my heart to ~~[illegible]~~ turn to Him with penitence and faith in the promise that He will in no wise cast out.

Oh dear Mr. [illegible] is desperate. Full of [illegible] abominations & [illegible] vileness, and I can feel almost to loathe myself at times that I [illegible] known a saving change & [illegible] have been trusting to my own supposed righteousness of [illegible] instead of looking entirely to Christ for salvation.

When I consider the covenant that I have made with you, that henceforth denying all ungodliness & every worldly lust I will live soberly righteously & godly in this world, seeking the interest of Christ's kingdom & [illegible] of his church and the salvation of souls and am hourly & daily the covenant and my [illegible] and made to proclaim even there pardon for such a sinner.

The sermon last Sabbath, [illegible] was much of it most applicable to me. I felt it light to [illegible] & wounds to wound to heal & strengthen. The Lord [illegible] remain [illegible] my establishment [illegible] & [illegible] to [illegible] by my mercy through [illegible] & [illegible] from my [illegible] & [illegible] of [illegible]

God in his Providence has spoken to me [illegible] & [illegible] effectually admonishing me of the shortness of time, say what thou dost do [illegible]

My prayer is that I may be enabled by his grace to be diligent & faithful to the end & fill up this [illegible] day with work [illegible]

Please excuse the form of this letter – I doubled it in this to take advantage of the lines – This is intended for [illegible] last year. Mother & Nan

Mich ct/ mi C 14 '73

My dear Lucy

Your are a nice good girl to write me a letter of love and lay me under obligation to write you for without this feeling of obligation, as you know, I am apt to allow my disinclination to write to prevail over my inclination to recieve letters. —— 'Tis now Sabbath day, we have no meeting and I am sitting alone in the parlor so cosy that I cannot read without going to sleep and I owe you thanks I had better write to you than to sit & nod! O how sweet, the dear birds are singing praise to their Maker for the returning of spring and if I were not so stupid and senseless I could "join in a song of sweet accord"! I suppose you have the privilege of attending church and hearing Mr Parker, I mean today, and practicing ... Mrs

the Bible class also. Our class has not met since. Sabbath you was with us and for my part I think it would be for us to try to maintain a class with these questions together without a teacher. The questions are too doctrinal and we dread for us to pass over profitably without instruction from one that can study and enlarge upon them. Mrs Fay and I are sorry we have got three days and I think I can [illegible].

Angelia is at Charleston at school. She is deeply afflicted at Mr Francis' death, is very low spirited and [illegible] nothing. Her mother [illegible] she did not go to Detroit [illegible] Charleston.

We have had a series of Miller meetings here two closed last Sabbath. I suppose it was a dreadful [illegible] for Mr Searles. I attended two evenings and Sabbath forenoon and was neither disgusted nor converted tho- I am glad I am not as far from expecting to see the world close up time as I ever was. "Millerism" I contend is something no way [illegible] to which I never have been a [illegible].

I saw your little song a few days ago - he is so very sweet and talks quite intelligibly. "By the way" etc

Kimball is not in a plight to go out without wearing a cloak. Mr Spencer has concluded to preach to us until the Conference meeting in June.

If you should come across a Hymn Book with Aaron S Hill's name in it and some verses written by L H M you may claim for your friend Naomi S Hill. I left it in the Baptist Meeting House I suppose. If you are acquainted with any members of the Baptist Society so that you can without any trouble make an inquiry you would oblige me not a little.

Send me a paper next week. There is a revival of religion at Buckspost and report says that our cousin Lane Shorthand is a subject, though I do not feel so sure as it want to that such is the fact.

Ozem may give my love to Mr Parker and accept as much as you want for yourself.

Your affectionate sister

Naomi

Milo Me
April 18

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Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

Care of Rev Asa Barber

Foxcroft

Me.

Twilight

Twilight sweet hour of peace,
Now art thou stealing on;
Cease from thy tumult, thought! and fancy cease!
Day and its cares have gone!
Mysterious hour,
Thy magic power
Steals o'er my heart like music's softest tone.

Cold must that bosom be
Which never felt thy power;
Which never thrill'd with tender melody
At this bewitching hour;
When nature's gentle art
Enchains the pensive heart;
When the breeze sinks to rest, and shuts the fragrant flower.

Wearied with care how sweet to hail
Thy shadowy, calm repose,
When all is silent but the whispering gale
Which greets the sleeping rose;
When as thy shadows blend,
The trembling thoughts ascend
And borne aloft, the gates of heaven unclose.

Written by Margaret A. Davidson at the age of 14.

Lucy H. Metcalf

Lucy, I fain would write a verse
Unique in sense, smooth, flowing, terse,
Complete in all poetic rules.
Yet free from pedantry of schools.

Haply, if I the muse could move,
My friend, to aid me she would prove;
Erst power impart to my poor brain
To form ideas, not fancies vain,

Cull fitting words with careful art,
At once to please both head and heart.—
— Love is language let me rather ~~abuse~~ use,
For heart to head I always choose.

Nonsense is said to be better than sense sometimes, though I doubt the assertion, however that may be, I have fulfilled my promise you see in writing you a "Verse", I have thrown in the words together without trying for any meaning, but only to make the first, letter and last syllable come right.—The poetry on the other page is worth—

Thinking. ——— — ———

Miss Thomas

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

Present

Sat Evening Feb 15th

Dear Lucy

I have long wished to know the state of your mind, but I have had no opportunity or I should say no good one. I have reason to think you are still halting between two opinions. Is it so dear Lucy; are you still rejecting the offers of mercy; cannot you come boldly and say "as for me I will serve the Lord." Life is uncertain death is certain; we are warned continually of this fact. And should you be called as suddenly as many, are you prepared to enter that Heavenly rest which is for the children of God alone. This is a most solemn question for us all. Perhaps you are stumbling at the faults of professing Christians. I fear that my example as one professing the love of Christ, and the advancement of his kingdom in my heart, has not been ~~at~~ as it ought. If this has been a hindrance to you, allow it to be so no longer. Look not for an example of Christian perfection here on earth, we have an example in our Saviour which was without spot or blemish which if we follow will most certainly lead us to that heavenly rest. You have calls and entreaties from

your Christian friends and Sabbath School teacher and above all from your Saviour. "He says "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" "Will you not accept this kind invitation How can you longer slight these offers, "He has waited long, is waiting still. You use no other friends so ill."

Come then dear Lucy come now and give you yourself to Christ. He is ready and willing to save all that will come unto him. The pleasures of this world are vain and empty and of very short duration. "We live a few years on earth and then comes a neverending Eternity, and our happiness or misery during this Eternity depends upon the course we pursue during our short lives. And shall we not be diligent in preparing for this Eternity But there are calls, independant of our own interests why we should devote ourselves wholly to the service of God. "When we think of this boundless love of God in sending his only Son into the world to suffer and die, that we sinful unworthy creatures might live, we have reason to fear we can ill repay this debt. Can we then begin to young

O! no most certainly not. Then will you not come forward and give yourself to him while the day of grace is at hand. The holy Spirit does not always strive, he may depart and not return. O seize this golden hour and make your calling and Election sure. Fall upon your knees and say Here Lord I give myself to thee, Fill all that I can do. He will accept you, his arms are spread wide to receive you.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuels veins!
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Loose all their guilty stains."

Here I will leave you, hoping that my views of your State of mind have been erroneous. If so will you not correct me But write me a few lines and answer those few questions above mentioned. And beleive me your Sincere friend

Sarah L. Stinson

Miss L. Metcalf.

Sarah L. Stimson Feb. 14th
1840

Miss Lucy Metcalf

Present

Mile A 25 May '40

My dear Lucy

I received and read, with pleasure, your letter I was surprised to see Mr Hatch, though I was glad to see him. He is a good man I wish there many such here. You will excuse me for taking a half sheet for when I begin to write I begin to tremble so it is almost impossible for me to write half a page at a time decently — I do not know much more about Mr S. preaching here. It is spoken she will but cannot be decided till after Missionary meeting which I believe is the 1st week in June. The Bible Class is interesting yet It has not been my lot to be there but once. There were at least nine & I believe more there then Ellen has commenced in school so she will not be with us any more at present. Miss Burbee has come home & is going to join it. I hope there will be some good done. It is thought that there is considerable feeling among the people here and oh many it result in a great revival. My side warns me that it is time for me to stop writing for this time. I wrote thus far last week when I went to the mill to a society meeting. Miss Boyd had been expected but his Father (at Berwick) was sick & sent for him, he wrote to Mr H. that he should be here soon as he returned. Roe had an interesting B— class, but for them. Your brother C. is talking of going to B, soon and I should like to have another letter from you — Give my love to Ann, tell her I shall be happy to receive a letter from her by him — I have not heard C. Ann say any thing of her own feeling particularly, I think she feels and perhaps is decided but cannot say — Now my dear will you write me every opportunity and I will write some in return I have so many sisters there she writes that you must excuse if my letters are short.

Love to all Elizabeth H. Pe

Boy offee

Elizabeth H. Bell
May 25th 1840

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Lucy

I could not deny myself the plessure of writing a few lines to you as I had such a good opportunity to send them by your sister. when I last saw you I did not know you were going away so soon, consequently was much disapointed at not seeing you again. before you went I suppose you would like to know what kind of a class our dear teacher has now, it is quite different from what it was when you were here though not much more promising She has now the class that was Miss Feilds when you were here there are six in the whole generally four attend. I have joined Mr Harris class as I was unwilling to go out of the Sabbath School. Mr Whipple has resigned and Mr Bush is now our Superintendent and we like him much Mrs Simpson is now gone out of town to spend a few weeks and I am to try to fill

her place to the class while she is
absent. how far I shall succeed
remains to be seen. you may suppose
from this fact that our teachers are very
few, but you know she always found
it difficult to get a teacher for this
class. probably because she is so
good a teacher. but you must not
think I am foolish enough to believe
that I can in any degree fill her place
but she is only to be gone two weeks
but it is time to bring my letter to an end
will you please to write to me, and when
you come this way do come and see me.
It gave me great pleasure to hear
that you had made up your mind on
the all important subject of religion
you have now an unfailing source of
happiness which the world cannot take
away from you may you continue to
the end. adieu my dear friend
and should we never meet again on earth

may we meet in heaven. Sister sends her love to you. do not fail to write to me

Your affectionate friend

M. Elizabeth Pike

Our Wensday afternoon meetings are very poorly attended generly not more than three. the one that was so favored to address the meeting does not attend at all now I mean Louisa C—y.

Mary Elizabeth Pike
Aug. 1840

Bangor October 12th 1840

Respected Friend

I trust You will not judge me to have been insincere, when I intimated that it would give me much pleasure to hold a correspondence with You because I have neglected so long to write. My reason for this delay is that since I last saw You I have been altogether unsettled, going from place to place, untill within a few days. You see by my date that I am not, as I expected to be, in Massachusetts. Before I left for Mass. measures were adopted to continue the Classical School another Year, and I concluded on the whole that it might be as well or better for me to return here than remain there. I expect now to remain here untill next Autumn, when life and health permitting I shall probably go to Yale.

I found on my return to B. two members of my Sab. school Class remaining, Miss. Spooner and Miss Webster. It is now increased by three young ladies about Your age, and I would they were altogether of Your mind in regard to loving & serving God. But alas it is far otherwise. They are each without a hope in the Saviours atoning blood, and only one manifests, in any considerable degree, that interest in her lessons, I could wish, and neither for the salvation of their souls.

Do pray for us, for me, that I may be divinely assisted and faithful in presenting to them the claims of God for the affections of their hearts to be placed on him & not on the things of Earth, and a Saviours dying love as exhibited in the garden & on the Cross,

the priceless value of the soul, the consequent importance of its salvation, the fathomless & immeasurable extent of the love of God manifested in the plan of its redemption, and the awful consequence of neglecting to secure it; And for them, that they may be induced in view of the above with innumerable other motives immediately to repent, Yeald their hearts to Christ, become his faithful followers, and in fine to seek in all things to answer the Chief end of man, which is to Glorify God and enjoy him for ever. The interest in the Sab. School, although I am sorry to say it, seems to be on the wane. The number in attendance is not as large as when I left, while, at the same time, it should be larger, from the fact that its advantages are greater. It is now provided with a choice library containing nearly 400 volumes. The interest ought also to be proportionably increased. The useful matter contained in the books read during the week, should not only serve to keep the mind less occupied with worldly subjects & consequently more permanently so with those of a heavenly nature, but it should also lead the mind to an increased interest in the things which are unseen & eternal.—

Now if there is not this manifest increased interest, there is fault somewhere. And where does it rest? Are Christians praying less frequently & earnestly than formily? Do the teachers feel as anxious for spiritual well being of their pupils as they have done? Do each doing his utmost to bring all the members of his Class to a saving acquaintance with the Lord Jesus? Does he pray over the lesson with wonted fervor, that his own mind may be the more abundantly replenished with the momentous truths he is about to urge upon the considerations of his class, with the hope that they will prove

the power & wisdom of God to this salvation? And finally does he feel himself amenable to God for this salvation, as he surely is, if so be they go down to everlasting woe through his neglect? These and similar questions should be pondered as of no small moment by every S.S. teacher who finds that an increasing interest fails to be realized in his class.

What an awful account the unfaithful teacher will have to give at the judgment day! Are You a S.S. teacher? I hope You are & I hope too You are a faithful one, of which I have no reason to doubt if indeed You are one. If You have a Class I would advise as the first thing that You secure, if possible, their confidence, & this You will find easy to do, especially if it be a Sexy Class. When this is effected You will find it more easy to make impressions upon their minds which time can never efface. Some word of instruction, advice, admonition or entreaty may be blessed of God to the saving of their precious, undying souls. An encouragement just bear in mind "that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, & shall hide a multitude of sins." And they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever & ever. What encouragement then is to the S.S. teacher for indefatigable efforts to win souls to Christ. Should You be made the happy instrument in the hand of God of bringing one to a knowledge of his sins & of turning his feet from the paths of vice to those of righteousness, You will save a soul, upon which no value can be placed, from death, and that mountain of sins, by the imputation of Christ righteousness which otherwise would be held up to the gaze of an assembled universe when God shall summon all to the finall judgment, will be hid. And that soul too, which You thus save, will be as a bright luminary in the Crown of Your rejoicing through the countless ages of Eternity.

O then, if You have not already, be persuaded to take a Class

in S. School, being assured that this place of all others is the one in which You may hope, with good reason, to become this honord instrument of saving some immortal being from the anguish of the second death. Then with no other mind than that which was in Christ engage in this glorious work, and "You shall reap in due season if You faint not."

Davis

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf
Milo
Maine

James Newton
Oct. 12th 1840

I see I must necessarily draw to a close, and will close by soliciting an answer to this if You think it worthy, praying that You may be divinely assisted to adorn the doctrines of Christ in all things, ever seeking to do good as You have opportunity. Yours in Christian love & fellowship. J. H. Newton

Boston October 26th 1840.

My Dear Lucy

It is with great pleasure that I have an opportunity of sending a letter to you by Mrs Seaver. I want to see you very much indeed. When you answer this letter I want you to tell me how you got home & send me all the news you can. I have not much to say in this letter. I did not know that Mrs Seaver was going so soon or else I should have written a longer one, but you must Excuse me. I am well and I hope you are. Give my love to Miss Rich & your mother & take a portion of it to yourself and before long I hope we shall meet again. Oh Lucy! I had almost forgotten it Mary Newcomb sends her best love to you and Miss Rich. Do you remember the 2 nd of October and your silk dress it is 4 years ago but it does not seem so, but time flies rapidly. I suppose you know that Mr Whipple has left the Sunday School as Superintendent, but when he left (after the absence of three or four weeks) he intended to take a Class but his health would not permit. His lungs are in a very dangerous state. He visited the Sabbath School last Sabbath & with much difficulty said a few words, he bid us Farewell as his Physician advise him to go South for it was uncertain whether weather he should see us again.

Yours affectionately

H M Goddard.

N B Mary Lucy do not wait so long before you answer this letter as I did. Lucy H Metcalf.

Helen M. Goddard
Oct. 26th 1840.

Bangor July 24th 1841

Highly Esteemed Madam-

For a long time I have been wishing to write You, but knew not whether to direct Your address to Mile or Boston, as I think, before You left Bangor You mentioned that You some expected to visit the latter place this spring. But having learned from Your friend Mrs. Cuttler who visited the family with which I board in one afternoon of the present week that You are still in Mile, I gladly embrace this favorable moment for gratifying this desire. Though the subject upon which I address You may be the least of all expected, Yet, dear L., be assured that since our first acquaintance thoughts art destined to become the arbitress of much of my future happiness or misery, hast possessed the most tender affections of my heart.

That You would with in any way to be the cause of the latter I cannot allow myself for a moment to believe; for I feel it would be doing You the greatest injustice to think that a heart possessed of virtues so sensitive & tender as Yours could ever be the willing agent of unhappiness to any one -

Permit me to say, dearest L., that naught on earth could at present contribute more to my happiness than the indulgence of the fond hope of being permitted at some future day to do all that shall lie in my power to administer to Your every earthly comfort as the companion of my bosom -

I presume it unnecessary to mention what I expect will be

be the business of my future life as You are doubtless already aware that is the Gospel Ministry. —

An early answer to the question whether I may be allowed to Cherish the fond hope I have expressed above will be a great relief to those feeling now severely agitated by suspense & as I fondly hope, will secure to me that glowing tranquility which is in Your power to confer by a word of encouragement to my urgent suit —

As I have not made this avowal of my highest regards for & earnest solicitation from You without mature reflection and much prayer so I trust You will seek the counsel of High Heaven and confer with Your worthy Mother before You dictate an answer —

Let me say here that Your favor of Dec. was gratefully rec.d and read with interest. I expect to leave for College in about five weeks —

Anxiously hoping for a favorable reply, I am, dear Lucy Yours sincerely —

James Newton

Miss Lucy H. Metcalfe

Hon. Luther Severance
Maine
Augusta

Respectfully

James Norton July 24th
1841

Bangor August 7th 1841

Dear Lucy

I received your letter about the last of June; and I should have answered it before; but I have been sick with the "Bangor" couple; and have not been able to write. I am sorry to hear that you are sick for I wanted you to come back and attend school this term. You said you wanted to see all the girls; and I dare say they all want to see you. We get along very well this term; and I think we make great progress in our studys. We have the same task set, to perform in school; that is writing compositions. I do not dread composing them so much as I used to. E Marston, H. McIntire; and a number of other scholars from our school; attend Mr Littlefield school this term. our examination is in about a fortnight; and you can't think how I dread it. The scholars are disposed of one after another. some are sick, and others are a going away; and some for one thing and some for another. I think there will be but a few scholars there examination day. Miss Watterson left of coming to school about the middle of this term. I

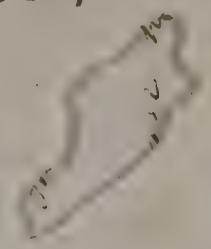
hope we shall pass a good examination; and I wish you could be there. I should be very happy to come up and see you if it were not for my school. I think I should enjoy it very much; as I have not been in the country for a long time. I suppose you enjoy yourself much better being at home at this season of the year, as it is now time for nice fruit and vegetables than you would to be at school. I suppose your garden of flowers which you took so much pains to cultivate in the spring is now in full blown. It is very sickly here among children and youth. The Scarlet Fever prevails the most of any disease. Mr Mills is sick with the Scarlet Fever. The last that I heard from her was that she was very sick. On the Fourth of July, or rather on the Fifth of July, which was celebrated for the Fourth, there was not any celebrations worth mentioning. There was an oration delivered on Slavery. I attended the meeting and I think I never saw so few collected together on such a day in my life. I have a little sister, about a month old and you must find a name for her. give my love to Ally Hill and tell her I want to see her very much.

please write me as soon as you receive this

Yours affectionately friend

Rowella Evans

Annette Pease
Aug. 7th 1841



Dixmont Sept 4th 1841

Highly esteemed Friend

Saturday night having overtaken
me at this place on my return from Bowdoin College where I
passed an examination for admittance Yesterday. I think
it may not be improper to improve the passing moment
in acknowledging the receipt of Yours most acceptable an-
swer to my last which was quite as favourable as I had rea-
son to expect. I shall leave here for Bangor monday
and hope to be in Milo in the course of the week when
if I am so happy as to see Yours & I dope I shall be, I can
say more in ten minutes than I could write in an hour
had I the time. But I must hasten to close this that
I may be able to mail it to night before the Office
closes. I expect to come out in Company with Mrs.
Wingate, the Lady of the House where I boarded the sum-
mer past. She is wishing to visit her friends in that
vicinity & I have engaged to drive her Chaise —
Please accept my best wishes. Yours most affectionately

James Bowler

James Norton Sept. 4th
1841

DIXMONT ME. SEPT. 5.

Paid 10

Miss. Lucy H Metcalf
Milo
Maine

Bowdoin College (Brunswick) Oct. 19th 1841

Ever dear L.

More than three weeks have elapsed since by the kindness of Your sister (Miss Rich) I received favorable intelligence in regards to Your health.

Yet, although the information afforded encouragement in Your case, and in a measure relieved my mind of great anxiety, I can but feel anxious to learn Your present state. A relapse may have brought You, ere this, lower than ever. But I hope not. I hope to learn by an early answer to this that if You have not already, You are fast regaining Your accustomed health. If so, what reason for thankfulness to God the kind Author of so great a blessing. Health surely is a blessing none can justly estimate but those who have been deprived of its enjoyment.

Wherefore it is but just to infer that whenever God visits us

with afflictions it is only to prepare our minds the better to enjoy the blessings his benevolent heart prompts him so profusely to lavish upon us. Realizing therefore our dependence on God, may we ever have in constant exercise feelings of devout gratitude towards him for all his benefits both spiritual & temporal; like the Psalmist may we in sincerity call upon our souls & all within us to bless & magnify his holy name.

Four weeks of my college life have now passed away & for the most part pleasantly. Mr. Gould from Dixmont ~~[illegible]~~ is my room mate as you will perceive by the Catalogue I send you. In order to shun as much as possible the initiatory salutes common to freshmen from the higher classes, such as breaking out windows, slaving down doors & the like, we hired us a room out of College. Nearly all morning in College of the freshmen class have been saluted as above & some have been [illegible] even worse with. There seems to be nothing too bad for some of the students to do.

I am grieved to find so few in the freshman class who profess to be Christians. As yet I have learned of but four. We meet around in eachother's rooms for prayer every Sab. morning before breakfast. I hope this little number will increase until it embraces each member of class. In the other classes the proportionate number of professing christians is considerably larger. In the sophomore class I believe there are twelve. But how small a number this compared with what it ought to be. May God of his infinite mercy pour out upon us the efficacious influences of his grace till there shall not be one left to go out from this consecrated place with an unsanctified heart.

I think this college view rather imperfect. North College & Main Hall are too far south & the trees are represented as being quite too large; though it does not represent the place as being any more pleasant than it really is. It is a delightful spot. Within the college inclosure are some fifteen acres, as level & smooth as need be. And directly east is a beautiful grove neatly pruned out & the earth grown over with grass.

My health since I have been here has not been at all good. When I came out first I took some cold & have been getting additions since until it have come to be quite severe & what has before been unusual it has been attended with considerable cough. But I feel in hopes I am getting better of it.

I shall hope to hear from you soon & shall feel quite anxious until I do. Please give my respects to your people.

Ever yours in true friendship James Barton

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

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Miss Lucy H. Woodbridge
Minot
Maine

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James Alexander Oct. 19th
1841

Brunswick Feb. 19. 1842

Much esteemed Friends

It is not for want of the highest regard towards You tha I have so long neglected to acknowledge the receipt of Your Kind Letter bearing date Nov. 12th. the perusal of which gave me the mingled feelings of pleasure & pain. I was rejoiced to learn that You were in any degree recovering from Your low estate, but was sorry it was in so gradual a manner. I hope ere this You have fully regained Your health and can now lift up the voice of thanksgiving to the Giver of all our mercies for the full enjoyment of one of Earth's greatest comforts.

Health is a blessing we but little prize as we ought until we are for a time deprived of its enjoyments. And even when we have learned something of its worth by painful experience, how soon do we forget duly to regard those laws, so well known to us all, designed for its preservation? Perhaps next to the interests of the soul are the means of health neglected by mankind generally. I do not say this reflecting that Your sickness was in any way attributable to a want of suitable care & caution by You. Yet I do feel especially desirous that in case You may have partially or altogether recovered, You should use every precaution to retain Your health - almost the only thing that renders life desirable, though I doubt not, You will.

During the ten weeks before this I was engaged in teaching in Topsham a town adjoining this. The school was small but pleasant. Being so near the College I was favoured with an access to the Libraries & employed the most of my leisure hours in reading,

Among the books I read was that of Dr. Grant's giving an account of the Nestorian Christians, containing a journal of his two visits from his station at Oroomiah to these mountain tribes, and his reasons for considering them a remnant of the Ten Tribes.

It is an exceedingly interesting work, and one which I trust is destined to do much good, by awakening an interest in the Churches not hitherto felt in behalf of the Missionary enterprise.

The Doctor thinks that notwithstanding the degradation into which this people are sunk they will soon rise from their intellectual & almost spiritual death to their former state of religious interest & enlightened use of Christ. He states that in their present ignorance they exhibit so much of the true Christian spirit, he could but fellowship many of them as the real friends of the Redeemer, and even went so far in manifesting that fellowship as to partake of the Lord's supper with them. If You have not I could wish that You might be able to find this book. I am sure You would be much entertained & think profited by reading it.

I have taken the liberty of occasionally sending You a paper & shall be pleased to continue so to do if it is agreeable. I was much entertained in the perusal of the paper You sent me, and the more so from the fact that it gave me, as I trust reason to believe You a friend to the Abolition cause in which I have & do still feel a great interest, and earnestly desire the time to be hastened when this National blot shall be swept away & our beloved Country freed from the sin of Slavery.

Allow me to inquire if You expect to remain at Your mothers the coming Spring & Summer? In case You should, I

shall come East to spend my spring vacation, & should urgent business does not call me to Massachusetts and should it be agreeable on Your part, shall feel myself favored in making You a visit which, if enjoyed, I hope the state of Your health will be such as to render more agreeable to You than my former one. It was then such that I felt it injudicious for You to talk much.

So sudden & extreme have been the changes of the weather here this winter that the inhabitants almost without exception have suffered much from severe colds and in the case of many it will, I doubt not, terminate in consumption. Within about three weeks God has seen fit in his righteous Providence to visit this town with the Scarlet fever by which very many of the Youth and children & in some instances adult persons have been swept away. There were nine [illegible] corpses in the place one day last week. What a call to be also ready! How true it is "we know neither the day nor the hour when the son of man cometh."

The religious interest here is very low. Though I think the prospect of better times is a little more flattering now than it has been, but still the ways of Zion ~~still~~ mourn & comparatively few come to her solemn feasts. her priests sigh. She is set in bitterness. May the Lord come quickly & revive the drooping graces of his children. I hope it is not so in Mile. I hope to hear that Christians there are praying with much fervency & strong faith for the reviving influences of God's Spirit. And witnessing answers to their prayers by seeing many turning from the ways of sin to holiness. Please let me hear from You soon. Yours in sincere friendship

James Stevens

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

P.S. Please give my respects to Your Mother & all the family, and Tryphena & Miss Elmira.

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PAID

Miss Lucy H. Morton
Milo
Maine

James Houston Feb. 19th
1842

Ithica Feb 24 '42

My dear Lucy

Your proposition of a regular confidential correspondence suits me vastly. It is what I have myself thought of asking, but a fear of my inability to perform punctually & to say nothing of my indolence has deterred me from doing so; but now that — I have opportunities I must not neglect acquiring. I think it is our privilege & duty, and in some measure — a reward of the [illegible] — [illegible] giving the same hopes pursuits & views to each other and encouragement & comfort in the [illegible] —

age through this brotherhood which
is ours, in our communion with God through
Christ, in our growth in grace, and daily
love of each other's love and prayer for our own
[illegible] and the unregenerate people
among whom we live. That this
may be our aim and the result of our
confidence is my desire as I doubt not
it is yours.

I rejoice that you are so
far restored in health and hope you
may yet enjoy perfect health and be
an instrument of great good. But
"in the midst of life we are in death"
and it seems to me that we ought to
live as though each moment were the
last and [illegible] as the nearest, most perfect
to be removed from [illegible] state of probation.

Naomi S. Hill

Feb. 24th 1842

My dear Lucy

With shame I [illegible]

[illegible] so [illegible] I neglect [illegible] I now commence the agreeable task of attending to yours. As our correspondence is designed for mutual profit and interest I shall therefore come at once to serious and interesting topics.

Dear Lucy I am deeply impressed with the feeling that we must [illegible] I dare to think that we shall, however soon, run out from among the sheet of fire in this wicked place. I am moreover persuaded that this great and undeserved blessing will [illegible]

in connection with the faithful and persevering prayers of God's people and perhaps of this particular Parish. That Saviour who was moved with compassion toward the multitude that had been three days with Him ~~—~~ having nothing to eat and who fed them so bountifully of seven loaves and a few small fishes is no less compassionate toward His people who have been so long famishing upon the husks of worldly things. He is now waiting with intense solicitude to bestow and it is only for us to reach out and receive the blessing and it is ours. Can it be that when

so much is in store for us we shall fold our hands and shut our hearts and permit those who have no interest in Christ to fail of salvation! Pshaw I can not mistake when I seem to see, already, thoughtfulness and anxiety in the countenances of some.

Lucy, what do you think of our having female prayer meetings?

— It seems to me highly desirable, at least, and I know not why it would not be expedient and certainly they can not be otherwise than profitable. O, remember me daily at the throne of grace that my faith fail not and that grace may be given me to continue there

the end. — your affectionate friend
Nan

N. S. Hill
March 1842

Naomi S. Hill

March 1842

My dear Lucy

Your letter was duly received the ... day morning which I felt inclined to answer immediately but I could not determine it until I had time & might have an opportunity to consider it as it deserves. You ask if I know of any ... whom I would persuade to think on subject of religion? I know of such a one who I think may be and perhaps I am mistaken in that one, though I do earnestly desire that that individual may soon be numbered among the people of God. As I have so little evidence that my hopes are well grounded I do not wish to raise ... Dear, the still small voice of the Spirit has been ... to which we have ... it. ... I received a letter from ... which I know to be ... all which affords to me good evidence that she has become a christian! I had long felt a solicitude interest for her and made her a particular subject of prayer and when I read her letter I felt that God is ... a hearer in answer of the ... of those who desire that

the Saviour may see of the travail of His soul & be satisfied.

I felt encouraged to hope and pray for the restoirment of still greater blessings and as though I could not live to forget to pray the salvation of immortal souls. I have refrained from speaking of Olive's conversion because she confidentially told me her feelings (and requested prayers that she might not be discovered) and because I wish to see the fruits before the fact is made known. Pray if you think I am wrong in telling you. I wish you to say so my motive is to encourage your faith as mine was encouraged. — Dear Lucy it is even as you say I feel that God is waiting to be gracious even unto us. O that we could feel the force of that — waiting — waiting to be gracious. Does it not imply that we are not prepared to receive the blessing? that we have yet something to do which we have not yet done? that we must feel as we have never yet felt and pray as we have not yet prayed? Are we willing to lie low in the dust and be counted as the filth and offscouring of all things that God may once more work a work of grace and have all the glory to Himself? Are we willing to be any thing or nothing that souls may be saved? Pray we must experience deeper searchings and sincere repentings and deep humiliation before God ere He can condescend to dwell with us. O let us Lucy lift up our united cry with strong and persevering faith that God would make known to this people the riches of His grace.

about calling on Mrs C. A. Dana? For my part I cannot find it my heart to give her up. It seems to me that her keeping an acquaintance with her and visiting there will exert a great influence upon your way

As to the question which I put to you at your house I have thought I ought to apologize for and ask your pardon for inquiring into what perhaps is none of my business to know. I doubt not your confidence in me, & all as this is you do, that it would not be right for you to make known the contents of his letters to any but those concerned; but my question was, whether you had come to an engagement? but that is none of my business, and if you do not see fit you need not tell me — I knew of Mr Newton's partiality towards you but believe I had no suspicion that he had written you and thought it was not an intention to make an immediate proposal. I have tried to place myself in your situation as you requested and I think I should have, as you say, some scruples whether it would be right for me to show such a letter to any one — but if to any body it would be one whose trust I had tried and was sure such an one would not betray me, and even then, I should be governed by considerations and circumstances. I am told that Charles has let his farm and as far as I am concerned I am glad of it hoping that you will "catch up" a step nearer to us. I like seem a right better to go to see you in your own dear [illegible]

Yours sincerely & truly

N. S. Hill

Apr. 9th 1842

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

Present

April 10th '42

My dear Lucy

"How thankful ought we to be for the Sabbath, with its sweet stillness and calm and holy influences!" "How little do we prize this blessed day as we should do!" "Though we cannot always meet in the sanctuary of God and unite in supplications, thanksgiving and praise, yet we are not deprived of the Book of Life, nor of the calm retreat and silent shade" which so well "with prayer and praise agree." If our circumstances are such that we cannot be alone in person yet we can retire in the spirit of our mind and commune with our God and Saviour and derive such food from the great source of all our blessings as the world knoweth not of! O the heavenliness of the christian religion! what a wonder that Paul was ever made a partaker of it! ———

How different is the state of my dear, dear sister today from what it was a year ago. Then she was living with the hope for spirit confined within a tenement of clay — to day — O the rapture! — freed spirit! She is done with the emblems of a Sabbath of rest and is now in the full enjoyment of the reality of a never ending rest for all

that can disturb or distress. She is uniting with our dear father in ascriptions of praise to God and the Lamb — A few more days of trial and I shall be admitted to join with them in this delightful employment! "O what eternal joys await the christian mariner" He enters the celestial gates "Where endless [illegible]".

Wed May 13th 5 o'clock P.M. You see dear Lucy that your humble can be forgotten by me during this long silence and I must confess that I am not altogether justifiable for having so long held my pen. Human nature is hard to be entirely overcome and 'tis a part of my nature to wait for a more convenient season to do the thing which ought to be immediately attended to. ——————

I believe that in our last communications we expressed hopes that God would come and help even us with an outpouring of His Spirit; that even this unthankful people might see his salvation — and has he disappointed our hopes? While we were speaking & he to one another did he not open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing? And what suitable return shall we make unto him for his unspeakable goodness? How shall we so wait upon him that he shall continue to show us favor and "delight the demeanor for our sakes"? How shall I wait patiently upon God

and continue to wrestle with him until not one soul is left out of Christ O Lucy I am such an ignorant one sometimes almost left to wish that I could cease to exist for fear that I shall not walk before God with all meekness and circumspection. Is there not something yet undone which Christians ought to do to prepare the way of the Lord that he may ride forth more gloriously in the chariot of his grace? Are we anxious enough for the glory of God in connexion with the salvation of souls. Do we feel that God must dwell with us that we cannot let him go and that we will receive even the crumbs that fall from our masters table? — Dear Lucy allow me to solicit your prayers for my dear brothers - they are both of them I have reason to think impressed with a sense of the importance of religion and O that they might more enter into the spirit of it. Ammi Barrett too is particularly upon my mind — O let us pray for him unitedly — he is borne down almost in complete anguish longing for the appearance of the Saviour and O let us pray that Christ may speak peace to his soul.. What a work Christians have upon their hands! What need of walking constantly with the Saviour! — The verses which you sent me are very pretty indeed and my approbation is a complete expression of my feelings. ever your affect sister Fanny

Naomi S. Hill

April 10th 1842

Miss L. H. Metcalf

Present

Woonsocket Apr 13th 1842

Cousin Lucy

I received your letter of March 28th with much pleasure, as it conveyed intelligence of friends that I have not seen for a long time, and I will endeavor to answer it, although I have not much to write that will interest you. I have not attended school the past winter. I went in the Fall, about a mile from where we live, the school was kept by a lady. We had a very pleasant school indeed. Charles is learning the bobbin makers trade he commenced about two months ago. It is rather new business to him but I believe he likes it very well so far.

The Village of Woonsocket has altered considerably since you visited us. There have been two Meeting Houses built also three school Houses, and a great many dwelling houses. I think you would hardly know the place.

I suppose you know that we do not live in the same part of the village we did when you were here

Father having built a small house on the west side of the river, and about half a mile from it. If you should come now I think you would say that we live in a much pleasanter place than when you visited us before, we have considerable of a door yard now filled with rose bushes, and various kinds of plants. which presents a striking contrast to the one the other side of the river. But I guess you are tired of this subject. so I will go on to something else. You say the young ladies at Milo have a Sewing Circle, we also have one here though the married and single ladies all meet together, we generaly have reading from some member of the society, or from some Gentleman that happens in, The proceeds of the society are appropriated to the use of the poor. a number of families of children have been provided with clothing to attend the sabbath school and meeting. It is called the Ladies Samaritan sewing Circle, They intend having a Library attached to it, which will make it still more pleasant.

Our sabbath school commenced a fortnight ago, There were 160 scholars the first sabbath, and quite a number more the next. At the close of the school last Fall, we had an Exibition in which there were a number of dialogues ~~were~~ spoken, besides Addresses, and Poetry. by the

smaller Children, there were a number of pieces sung by little girls. There was one piece sung by nearly half the children in school. the children being nearly of a size. they made quite an interesting appearance.

Uncle Jacob and Cousin Josiah were here last Fall and made us a visit of a few days. Though as you have had a letter from Josiah I suppos he told you all the news, and I suppose you know what has transpired lately, better than I do, as we have not had a letter in some little time.

We had a letter from Uncle Enoch not long since, his folks are all well. I have never got see little Charles Uncle Enoch's youngest boy.

I think Cousin Lucy you have had considerable of a share of sickness. I hope your health will continue to improve, as you write it is better than it has been. We have generally enjoyed pretty good health excepting colds, which have been very common here. Give my love to Aunt and all my cousins. Mother sends love to all.

Your affectionate Cousin Eleanor M. Mekeel

I had forgotten to tell you that Father wrote a letter to your Mother in March, which I thought by your letter she had not recieved. Please write as soon a convenient.

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf.

Milo. Me.

Care of Mrs. Anna Metcalf.

Boston Mass
Dec. 18th 1841

Bangor Sept 22d 1851

Ever dear and never forgotten Friend

Nothing could have induced me to write to you at present but that so long a time would have elapsed without my writing to you. The causes of this neglect have been various. It surely has not been because I was not thankful to hear from you, but in part for want of convenient opportunity. While the latter part of the time my time was chiefly taken up, for besides my regular studies I had considerable to make up on being absent the last of the spring term and in addition had no leisure but to return in writing an address, pronounced before my Class at the close of our freshman year. After the term had evidently advanced it was too late to write, supposing I should be able to visit there in the vacation; but circumstances have conspired to oblige me to forego that pleasure. My room-mate, Mr. Gould, of Vermont, being desirous that I should be with him the commencement week, persuaded me to go with him to Burlington. I did so and on my return found a letter from you. And being encouraged both by the prospect of seeing you as you hinted in your letter and from time to time I have written to Vermont and engaged the Advent at twenty dollars for month six times. Besides this I have had the pecuniary difficulties to encounter of paying for my board during vacation, and then

Fairmont to this place Yesterday, and having given up the idea of coming to Melo, as I could wish, this fall, concluded to write from there closing Dy. The time I shall arrive at Brunswick to find a letter from Her in answer to this. I expect now to return the next Monday week. My health as the past is one. and is now, as good I think as I have enjoyed at any time since I left Michigan, a blessing for which I trust I am grateful. The spirit of Religion continues low in College I hope the Year to come may not be as this seem the worst in this respect. I do hope that another Year may not complete its circuit without some hopeful conversions in College, It seems to me that the Year past in a spiritual sense has been next to lost with us here. those clouds, big with mercies, which were scattered through the length & breadth of our land importing by their genial showers a life-giving power to thousands, were suffered to pass as a cloud if not wholly in vain. I can but hope it may not, be so in mine to come. There are some in College although the number is comparatively small. who, I trust, are praying, devoted disciples of our Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. This little band meet regularly twice in a week for prayer and conference; the times of meeting are on Saturday evening & Sabbath morning an hour & a half before public worship. They need and I trust in some good degree have, the prayers & Christian

How important it is that the influence now and extensive, which will be exerted by those who go out from Year to Year from that place of mental training, be sanctified influence I sometimes fear that Christians do not feel this subject as of half the moment it really demands

a word in regard to Commencement. It was truly an interesting one, and I heard several say that one more so, it was said, had been enjoyed Rensimer & Albanians
for many years. Tuesday afternoon the two Literary Societies held their anniversary meetings. The Athenaean celebrated first. It was addressed by the Rev. John Lord, of Brewster, generally known as a lecturer on History. His subject was the Middle Ages. He gave a vivid description of the state of society in those times, and vindicated them from those evil tendencies so often charged upon them. He confined his remarks chiefly to the Germanic tribes, naming some of the prominent traits of character which distinguished the period & especially those tribes. Among which he instanced their love of personal independence, high veneration for woman, & for the priesthood, and maintained that it was by the power of [illegible] ... [illegible] were rescued from the influences [illegible] ... moved them. Their philosophy fell under [illegible] ... the disputes of the Schoolmen were treated of. & the close ... high panegyric on their modes of investigation. & dwelt ... upon the advantages which might result from a more ... entrance by modern Scholars into "the inner temple" ... physosophy." The style of Mr. M.'s writing is peculiar ... strings. The manner of his delivery any thing ... be possessed by an Orator. You have doubtless noticed ... description of the other exercises in the Chapel ... addresses one. I could give, & will perhaps even ... time. I shall hope to learn that You have ere this fully regained your strength. though I should not think strange at all, if this is not the case. You was but so returning [illegible] by your violent & protracted sickness.
Regards to Your mother & family, Mr. & Mrs. Seals, Yours as ever J. Bell

Miss Lucy A. Merrick
Mexico
Me

Paid 10

Received Nov. 22 1842.

Lowell, May 13, 1843

Dear Sarah,

I received your letter last week, and am now improving the first opportunity to answer it. Perhaps you will be a little surprised when I tell you that when I first opened it, I could not imagine who it was from, and that I had really forgotten who Lucy H. Metcalf was; but I soon found out, and right glad was I to hear from you and your family, of whom we had heard nothing for a long, long time. I don't wonder I had forgotten you, from the fact that I never was much acquainted with you, and also from the length of time that has intervened since Since I have seen you, and more particularly since I had heard from you. Isaac and I corresponded a short time after you went to Milo, but the correspondence ceased with Isaac for what reason I never knew. I wrote to him last, and since then, it has been only by accident that we have heard from any of you; and you may rest assured that I and indeed all of us were very glad to hear from you once more, and hope that for the future we shall hear from our friends in Maine oftener.

I recollect very well seeing you in Boston, and although "old time" had nearly effaced the circumstance from my memory, yet the reception and perusal of your letter brought it up again fresh to my memory, the encroachments of "Old Father Time" to the contrary notwithstanding"! I should like very much to see you, Isaac, Mayo, Aunt Charles &c and hope to have the pleasure soon; as you write that you think of spending the next winter in Mass; and also that Aunt & Ann think of visiting Mass. Should you do so, you must not fail from coming to Lowell. We heard of your last visit to Mass, and were very much disappointed because you did not visit us, and hope you will not again neglect us. We had heard of Rhoda's removal to Me; but did not know it until several months after the

kind you. Being in Boston I called where they used to live, and was informed by the people in the house that they had gone to Mills, which a little surprised me, as I had not known of their intention to do so. We were glad to hear of their good health, and hope the change from city to country will be beneficial. And you inform me that you are attending an Academy in Foxcroft, which from your description must be a very pleasant and good School. You doubtless are enjoying yourself finely, particularly if you love your books, and I presume there is no doubt of it, as all of your family were always very fond of books and study. Your studies are all interesting, particularly Astronomy & Philosophy, and I presume you find them so. I am anxious to know one thing, viz. how old you are; will you inform me when you write again? So do. Also the age of Isaac & Mary; I have really forgotten. I did not see the lady who brought you letter, and presume she did not come to Lowell, as it was mailed at Methuen about 10 miles from Lowell. We were sorry to hear of Ann's ill health, and hope that relaxation from her duties will completely restore her to health again. I have been quite unwell the past winter with Bronchitis and Inflammation of the Lungs, occasioned at first by a cold and made worse by singing. Was confined to my room several weeks and no one allowed to see me, as the least exercise of my lungs produced coughing. I had a severe cough and was not able to attend to my business for about two months. I am now better, and my cough has nearly left me, and the warm weather will I think entirely effect a cure. I think of going to the South in the fall, as the cold winters of New England do not agree with me. The rest of our family are in good health and have been so for some time. Sarah as you are probably informed is married. She has three fine children. Caleb graduated last August and has been in Penn, the past winter

teaching. Expect him home in a few weeks. Enoch is in a counting room here, the same I was in before Ahmeda went to Ill. I am now engaged in teaching music; teach the Piano Forte and singing, and have a salary for singing on the Sabbath at the Episcopal Church. Is music taught in your Academy? and have you ever attended to it? How fun it is to ride on the Portland? I was at Portland last Summer and spent several days. It is a beautiful place, and I enjoyed myself finely while there, and think some of visiting there again this Summer. Have not heard from our friends in Royalston for several months; then they were all well. We have had beautiful Spring weather for several days and the prospect now is that grim old winter has really departed, and I for one am heartily glad he is gone, and hope he will take a long journey ere he trouble us again. The first birth has been announced in Royalston, and in memento quite a little of snow has fallen. Well Cousin Lucy this is the first letter I have had the pleasure of writing to you and may it prove equally as acceptable to you, as yours was to me; and is this to be the close of our correspondence? I hope not, As Isaac has broken off our correspondence by not answering my last letter, I shall now claim you, as my future correspondent, and shall expect to have the pleasure of receiving another letter from you soon; and my dear boy, you must not disappoint me. Remember! Give my love to all of your good people. Father, Mother, Sister & Brother also wish to be remembered. Give my love also to Cousin Lucy! and believe me

Your Affectionate Cousin

Isaac N. Metcalf

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf
Foxcroft
Maine.

At the Academy.

Woonsocket, May 28th 1843

Dear Cousin

I recieved your letter in march, and I can assure you, it was with pleasure, that I recieved intelligence from friends so far distant

You spoke of your visit at Woonsocket. you say that you do not recollect much, of the village. I think if you should visit us now, you would hardly know the place it is so much enlarged and improved.

I have been attending school this spring part of the time, the school is taught in the vestry of the Universalist Meeting-house, the distance is about a mile from where we live, but as it is through the pleasant part of the village, the walk was very aggreable to me, the school is taught by a lady. different kinds of work are taught, at present there is the most fancy work in school of any kind.

We all enjoy very good health, which is a great blessing, and one which cannot be too highly appreciated. It has I believe been generally healthy in this place for the past year. What has interested us most for a few

months past has been the recent Election, But now it is cooled down very much, Politicians have little to say - having "said out", It was an Election of more importance than any previous, in which every energy was exerted. and the result you probably know. Millerism has not made much advance in this village, we had one - Lecturer here in the winter who lectured four or five times, having full houses at first, but grew thinner towards the last, most attending out of mere curiosity.

I guess you will think this is rather a disconnected letter, as it is now more than a week since the commencement of it, some one coming in, I was obliged to leave my writing unfinished. Charles had a letter from Cousin Josiah a few days since, informing us of the death of his mother, She has gone to the land whence no traveller returns, where this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality, The last letter that he wrote to us early in the Spring, they were in hopes, that the coming warm weather would be beneficial to her and that she would be more comfortable. but it was ordered otherwise, and her spirit has returned to the God who gave it. He writes, that calmly, and with but few struggles, she passed the great change, which awaits all mortals, May 19th at ½ past 2 o'clock. Prescott's health has been rather poor for some time past, being troubled with a cough

He says they are in hopes it is better, They have had in addition of a son to their family within a few weeks. which makes three children, two sons and a daughter, It is some time since we heard from Uncle Enoch's folks, the last time we heard from them they all enjoyed good health, perhaps you hear from them as often as we do, though the distance is much greater. By the catalogue of scholars, that I received from Foxcroft Academy, I learn that you are attending school there. We should be very happy to recieve a visit from you, and the rest of your family. Now that Clarinda and her family have removed from Boston we expect to see you this way very soon. I remember with pleasure my visit at Milo, and should like to repeat it, do you remember our romping over the fields and meadows, and down to the Eastward to gather flowers, The Swing in one of the out house chambers, and making dresses for the dolls are still fresh in my memory. Our love to all your family, I should be happy to receive a letter from you as soon as convenient.

Affectionately your Cousin

Lucy H. Metcalf

Eleanor A. Metcalf

Cousin Eleanor
May 28th 1843.

1834

Miss Lucy H. McKaye

Milo

Me.

Foxcroft Aug 21st 1845.

Absent 2d Friend.

I fear I have given you occasion to think I have forgotten my voluntary engagement to write you. Perhaps you have even began to ~~think~~ suspect, my professions of regard dwelt on the lips – but came not near the heart, But my time has been so much confused in the various domestic affairs of our family, that I have hardly had time to write to my dearest friend, My sisters have all been absent this summer, and the work must necessarily devolve on Mother, and myself. But I doubt not that you are acquainted with the duties of a farmers family, and will excuse me, for so long delaying an answer to your very interesting letter, which was duly received and perused with much pleasure

I was happy

to hear of your good health, and that you was so pleasantly situated in your new home, where you appeared to have every thing to make you comfortable and happy, Although I can not say I think as pleasant to teach as attend school (especially if we have a good instructor) Mr Nash has closed his school and gone to visit his friends, He has engaged a female

assistant for next term which I think will add very much to the interest felt in the school, I presume it will be very large and should like to make one of their number but my sister wish to go and it will not be consistent for us all to go this time so I must be contented to stay away. We are not apt to realise the worth of our school hour till they have fled beyond our reach, then we look back and sigh for those portions of knowledge which we might have treasured up had we rightly improved past opportunities.

But there is a kind of knowledge which is of far greater worth than all human learning, I mean that which maketh wise unto salvation. We live in a part of the world destinguished for its religious privileges — the light of divine truth illuminates our land — We have the written word of God to teach us his will and our duty, and the way to obtain eternal life. This is written in a stile so simple that it may be understood by very young children, yet it affords an inexhaustible source of new and sublime ideas to the researches of the scholar. This rich treasure we have in our own hands and may peruse it when we will, we have also sabbath and sanctuary privileges and every inducement to become the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus who went about doing good

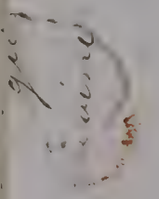
can we slight all the invitations of the blessed saviour dying love, But I trust I have given my heart to Christ and desire and interest in your prayers that I may so live that when the messengers of death shall overtake me I may be prepared to meet it with a peaceful smile and resign my soul into the hands of Him who has dyed to redeem us by his own blood,

I cannot close this without telling you of the happy meeting with my dear brother who had been absent nearly four years he made a very short visit and left with Mr Bush who accompanied him as far as Boston, but I will write no more lest you should be unable to read it so I close begging you not to follow the example I have set you but write soon, Please excuse this unconnected and incorrect from your sincere friend

K. B Jones

P.S please send me paper when you write this

Rebecca B. Jones
Aug. 26th. 1843.



Freeport Me
Aug 28

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Miss Lucy N. Metcalf.
Nile
Maine,

My own dear sister, Lucy

I was made truly glad
by the receipt of a few words of a note from you
by the hand of [illegible]
of the 19th. In that you have not written me
a long train of reproaches you might justly
have indulged in. Had to much reason
with I to charge in reality that we were
I am confounded and
with painful regret mortification and confusion
by a review of my life
I do not wonder that
attachment to the things of the world
godly, you might say
of religious character would be manifest
ings might have been if you had
I do it might
sooner to myself. There were months of backsliden Christ, not
without many misgivings and deep relentings of conscience, you
Christ & know for from any thing like holiness. I would rather
be allowed one hour of real penitence at the foot of the
cross, or one moment of weeping, and praying for the conver-
sion of a soul to Christ, than an age of such worldly-minded
ness and folly. — If I ever knew any thing of
or felt any interest

is possible for a love (?) of the Saviour to stray from him.

When I came to myself I knew not which way to turn. I seemed to [illegible] that Christians could not overlook such a dereliction of the faith of restitution and reciprocation without a [illegible]; and I had almost limited the Holiness of Israel and thought God could not pardon such a sinner. But [illegible] has not left me utterly to despair. 'There is balm in Gilead, there is a Physician there' and may I daily repair to that fountain opened for sin and uncleanness for the washing away of my mountains of sin; and may I pray not only for myself but my [illegible] and may we [illegible] be enabled to go to the Saviour with a heart burdened for the impenitent and there at his feet plead with faith in their behalf [illegible] answer to our prayers.

Let us go like the prodigal returning to his [illegible] Let us plead before the Father the merits of his Son pleading all our own unworthiness. Let us plead his promises to his backsliding children which is Return unto me and I will return unto you. His promises are yea and amen to them that receiveth them.

Lucy, do you think these words are believed by, and [illegible] from the heart of one whose life is a constant denial of them? If you [illegible] a sinner [illegible] older" what [illegible] do [illegible]? Oh, if repentance could undo the effect of my sins upon others there would be some mitigation of my sorrow.

But, no this can never be; if I have been the means of hardening any in sin or given occasion for any [illegible]

[illegible] I see my [illegible]
humble [illegible] and pray the Father to bring [illegible]
of evil. — I think I should have [illegible] I see
at the confession [illegible] I felt that it was all
right for me to be denied the privilege of [illegible]
tance. I think too that I should have enjoyed Sitt
table if [illegible]
is dy[illegible] I think I have repented of my [illegible]
and that I should have felt that his blood was sufficient
to cleanse [illegible] all sins. Oh it is a glorious thought
that our [illegible] sadness is the cause
[illegible] all [illegible]
for the remission of the most hardened sinner. Why
hesitate to bring this sacrifice at first.

Let us take courage [illegible] it
pierce by the [illegible] heart
death in the [illegible]. What a direct fruit that cross is
from the covenant keeping God.

Finally my sister, let us pray together for the renewing of
our own [illegible] reformation [illegible]
and that the ungodly among us may be
brought [illegible] give what they should do.

Now say with emphasis "Prove me," and
ask that you may be kept a burning and shining light to lighten
others to Kingdom of rest, that may not do as you [illegible]
[illegible] done, deny like Peter, the Lord that bought you, or betray the
Son of man with a kiss. Will you pray for me that I may receive
a real conversion for my sins, and that if I have been decei-
ved [illegible] self I [illegible]

Monday night dear Jane is not gone yet so I'll scribble a little more
the Magic Mountain he would never resume their way — So Jane I have all
ready from 9 or 10 to 11 o'clock she got so impatient & disappointed that
she left from 9 or 10 to 11 o'clock — I don't know yet why he didn't come this way — but I'll go
the home quite early — I had a letter from Jessie at last — He says he shall
down with the Lawrences — I think from his letter that there is not much if any
stay there longer — I think from his letter that there is not much if any
prospect of his being accepted by the "Investments" — he is trying it very
faithfully I know to think — Reading, Lewis &c & he says he has not begun the next
ing pieces says that some do treat so as to look like letters, & books,
Matthews, Shew his, and often require 2 weeks before the hue for necessary it
is which several months are allotted — without producing any material
loss of flesh — which don't seem to me possible — unless they have a great
dead more flesh & blood to begin with than Jessie has — He says her hand &
arm continue to pain — Are you lonesome any — I am very sorry for me
can't not have gone Saturday — Today I have been at Atkinson's & Taylors
fixing my x x x x your dress & sweeping — & —
which took till o'clock & I'm a lonesome old
hand Washing She is afflicted not only with
sore feet (which is very much better) but has had
rather a bad turn of rheumatism in her
neck & shoulder — And Lucy is — a good
clever girl — But I don't work she is —
I feel rather tired but will get over it
tomorrow

Lucy

21st. Fort Hunt

I don't know as I shall do any
thing but I think I could if
you have got any thing just
suitable to put on the ends you
may send it if you have a
convenient opportunity.
'Tis a lonely day for this time of
year what fine warm weather
we do have — The flour is in a
clutter from top to bottom with
painters, shavings and lime
masters & hod

good bye

Write often — no letter from
Joseph yet what is the news

1850

you know I understand just what Roger was any part of James name I don't know but now you have her away from the Hobbs I should call her Hobbs unless you give her your own name

I think that for Father's name is Hill but I don't know — but doubtless the only name she has any legal right to is Hobbs & it is an "honorable name" in other

Hampden Feb. 4, 1860

My Dear Mrs. Barber

Need I tell you how rejoiced I was to hear from you: and although I have not had an opportunity to write to you this my mind has been with you almost continually since you left. knowing the feeble state of your health we feared the result but little did we think that the mournful intelligence of your dear brothers death would reach us so soon. we heard of it a few weeks before you wrote I could scarcely believe it, so sudden and all his friends were so confident that his life might be spared many years but our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well" in his infinite wisdom saw fit to take him to a happier home an blessful exchange for which he was well prepared. I know it must seem almost heart rending to part with such a brother and one so dearly loved around whom so many fond hopes were clustered whose whole sickness seemed characterized by such sweetness and forgetfulness of self. On hearing of his death my thoughts instantly reverted to that line "Sweet is the scene when Christians die" and I felt that this was the death of the of the righteous. O what a blessed privilege it must have been

to have stood by him in his last hours and witnessed his triumphant departure the sting of death was taken away and "perfect trust" filled his soul that peace which cometh from Christ alone can render the waves of the dark valley tranquil and smooth

Our Savior seems ever calling us in his Providence to place all our affections upon him and no longer trust to the world for happiness sometimes in a still small voice so gentle we scarcely heed it then a dearly loved one is taken whose life seemed indispensable to our happiness to remind us of that stronger, higher claim which Heaven possesses. I feel as though I had hardly begun to realize the real and object of my existence yet and shall I live on so unconscious!

O my dearest friend would I could see you if it were only for one hour that we might talk about that dear happy home. I know your feelings are sorrowful yet always rejoicing we have the blest assurance that in our Fathers house are mansions reserved for those who love him I verily believe I have thought whole long letters to you within the last week but like phantoms they seem to elude my grasp you know my ruling passion so well that you can easily imagine an apology was being framed for writing in such a dull prosy style but with such a theme for contemplation I seem to forget every thing else I have been to the sewing circle this afternoon which met at Mrs Bradleys the first that I have attended since a year last June with you on my way home I called at Mrs Thayers to hear how she survived a very painful operation performed

This afternoon Decamers cut out she was under the influence of Chloroform is now very much reduced She never has been more engaged in the world apparently than for a few weeks past and seemed to regard her situation with indifference she insisted upon having it done during her husbands absence O how much of suffering there is in our midst. Catharine Sewall who married a Tibbels is just alive the Physicians say there is no more hope half of her body so paralized she seems sensible of her condition requested to see Mr Mason she has called to see her twice and conversed with her She was confined six or seven weeks ago with a pair of twins one is living. I suppose you have heard of Jacob Curtis death he was perfectly resigned died a very joyful death Pow seems very lonely. and I have something to tell you will make your heart rejoice That Wm Peter has at last yielded his heart to Christ and is rejoicing in hope I feel that this new trophy should encourage us her nature is so impulsive I think she will be active and her influence be felt by many I had almost forgotten to say that I spent the former part of this evening at Mr Parkers had a very pleasant interview with Rev Mr Williams whom I found than I informed him of your Mothers death which surprised him very much he desired to know the particulars said that young man was a model of patience You cannot think what a comfort your letter was to us I have read it over and over again and hope to receive another good long letter one soon if your health permits which by the way I hope is nearly recovered Mother sends an unbounded share of love to you and sympathy says you must come & see us it seems so desolate to look at your house and know you are not there. Our family all send their love to your family including your husband, it is now nearly 12 o'clock Yours affectionately Mr Goddard wished me to give her love to you and wished you would write to him

Mrs. Samuel W. Furber

Milo Maine

Received Oct. 24

Tuesday P.M. Newburn March 4th /61

Lucy Kate darling dear

I would like much to know how you are both in spirits this sunny day - Are you out-doors, altering - Flowers there are none! Icicles all in the little think's - Because yr Mother is doating tender-hearted you must not think to play lady, "no not by no means" Lucy I realy think I'd rather be well & working than sick - I perceive my discourse is leading me to sobriety, for life is too great a boon to be lightly spoken of

When yr husband called to see me bringing your kind letter. I was not well - afterwards quite sick, but for the last two weeks steadily progressing in health & strength - Six weeks ago. I was awakened from my slumbers coughing, immediately I began spitting blood, in a few moments it raised more than a gill. It was soon checked however by salt - I was not at all alarmed for I supposed it some little ruptured vessel of the stomach - It was Saturday The next week I had no school, lounging up on the sofa reading &c. intending the following Monday to enter upon school duties. Sat - I awoke & Mary calling Father, who in haste came - pain in left-lung - I could only rest in bed lying on my face. Had no Physician till Sabbath P.M. one week after the attack That day worse. Dr. Rich Senior, said there was a spot of congestion in the left-lung, ordered irritating plaster &c. & I set up but little for six weeks

Think I ought to say I must have my school for six months at least: will that cure my sister's health. I have entered upon the plan. Dora Clark's daughter Frances has left her sister Mrs Richardson to take charge. Getting better. I am able to see my friends & whoever attends & kind beyond all my dreams & even Goodness. Nicetie's looks & flowers & love in abundance, so that my heart permits, depths has got up & I think. Spent four weeks there, pleasantly, indeed with Mrs Webster learning the value of her kind, good heart.

I came to it's quiet home & rest & since it has stormed. Almost the first week the winds howled but yet so lonely, withal, that I used my remaining vitality pacing the room away. Who I should not neglect to mention that the daily arrival of "milk man" brought me daily letters & nice bits. The last week Mrs W. has spent with me. We have sewed, knit, read, wrote: we are so prisoned in with snow banks, egress is thought never indulged in. The last three & this very week just entered upon, I have appropriated to letter writing that is you know, at intervals - a pleasurable duty, the neglected because it has been too fatiguing. I like a letter from Sister Connie dat, no items of news particularly. She is well & pleasantly connected with Mr Walker & Mrs Wilson & sister of that well-to-do bachelor. She says she plucks up courage & not behaves as well as she can.

Indeed dear I am thinking of a western journey

to my brothers in Ill. Will ya please write me when yourself & husband visit brothers return to Yr. Garden home, also when the Father & family leave Mich & what time they start for their journey. Mar has sent application for me to come to Portland, & arranged for me at her boarding house - but I do not think to go sooner than four weeks. I shall visit to see ya, if ya are home again within the time, would be glad to meet "Nell" I do not remember any other name by which she is known & so wear away the feeling of being strangest - ya know it's chilling, very -

I have not seen Elias since his return to B., but have been told his health is improving - Your brother Joseph's death was very unexpected indeed to me. How difficult - to realise he has passed from earth - and will not return. But he was so peacefully dismissed from life's cares, ya will not be sad I hope. The silver cord which fastened the soul to its earthly cage is severed - no more encumbrances to prospects, & then the joy of being where one can say, this is for ever. What words mirist - the painful vicissitudes of the happiest life of earth -

Please give my love to yr husband & friends - Say dear sometime when ya find yr self in a somewhat playful mood, read this long string of little verses. I met with them a few weeks since & they have pleased me as often as I have read them - If you should chance to write me I will enclose them, I'll be obliged, because I have them in reserve for another friend -

With love ya. Elizabeth

Sessia Sac Fran

If E. Lee really comes on with the Furbe; it will be a fine chance for me to send for any article of dress I may need. it is much more difficult to shop to advantage here than in Barrie: besides go to Buffalo so much that little variety is brought here: with regard to the shirt do just as you find it most convenient: it will do me just as much good when I come back there. so do not hurry to do it in order to send it but consult the benefit of your health. As to Saturday Evening I can think of no book in the world, sincerely, that I should prefer to it. If the binding is poor I should like to have it bound as handsomely as may be at my own

expense and if convenient should like it sent.
if Elsie does not get entirely well. — if he should need
recreation and relaxation had he not better
make the tour of the State of N. York, possibly
take E. Doe under his protection, get to Buffalo
the last of June at which time I shall have a
month's vacation: I could meet them there
visit Niagara, — take the trip by water to that
famous port, — half a day's sail — survey the
beauties of the scenery and take such further
course as might be deemed advisable. —.

I want to hear immediately about your health
till at Almeda I should read a letter from her
with great pleasure, and I specially request her to write
in detail of you as well as the rest of Mother's family and her own.

Concord, N.H. Apr. 20. 1861

Very Dear Friend

May I write you now that I have again delayed a long time in answering your last dear letter and to my astonishment find it was kindly passed over a while ago since I received it again in yesterday's mail, and to day I write in return, yet my Lucy will please accept a very brief letter this time. I am preparing to visit home once more, and, if possible, intend to avail myself of the opportunity of meeting you again. I intend to be in Bangor about the 17th or 20th of May. Where shall I find you, or May I come?

How has passed the last year with my friends? Has health and happiness still been hers? Can she ever have a passing thought of Mary? Oh Lucy you know not how wonderful and gracious has been my heavenly Father's care over me. I have been favored with the high privilege of pursuing a school another year. I have now attended school 18 months in Plainfield at Female Seminary, Christian Union. The last term at that institution closed the last week in March, and I have spent the time since with relatives here. It is possible my school days are over. Perhaps they're not, though it is altogether improbable. Yet were I could I should remain one term longer. I should have graduated like a former teacher, received a diploma for [illegible]

In reply to one enquiring paragraph of your letter I scarcely know what to say. I have, indeed the pleasure of an acquaintance with a friend who is looking forward to a missionary life, but where his field of labor may be is quite uncertain.

He desires to proclaim the glad tidings where it is yet unknown — to preach Christ to those who have never yet heard the story of a Saviour's love, and in this I find, truly, my own heart beats in unison. What a high and holy privilege could it be, to be permitted to devote ourself thus wholly to the Lord, to consecrate our all thus entirely to the service of that dear Redeemer who has done so much for us. Though weak, and ignorant, through Christ, we can do all things. Does it not seem — is it not true that the grace of God is sufficient for us — as our day, so shall our strength be?

But, to return, ardently as my friend wishes to spend his days on heathen ground, it may be that he will not. I can calmly trust all in the hands of my Heavenly Father, to whom alone the future is known —

The future, the future is a closely sealed book,
In vain, at its pages, I endeavor to look,
I know well the present, and the past I can see,
But what has the future, the veiled future for me?
Has it happier hours than the present or past?
Has it flowers that will fade not and joys that will last?
Will my heart's dearest wishes be realized all?
Or, will they be shrouded, as with midnight's dark pall.

Let your prayer, dear Lucy, ascend with mine that God will prepare me for whatever he is preparing for me. My time is spent — please accept this brief letter with the sincere

May I not expect to hear from you at Charlestown? I shall be there one or two weeks previous to the 20th. May what I intend to do there for a home, and any, may I not meet you once again? I have many things to say, but much depends upon time, if you visit

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Mrs. L. H. Furber.

Bangor,

Maine.

Burgin & Stevens. Sept. 28

Lissie Doe Aug. 1861

Providence

Aug 2d Friday

My Lucy dear

It was so very kind indeed of you darling to write me without waiting longer the fulfillment of my promise, that I sit me down this P.M. expressly to tell you a few of my goodness to thank you for this unexpected manifestation. I am indeed, professionally, a busy person in the time, when women & horses have hardly enough "rest" five men this day. Nothing gained. I spend the long time from sunrise till midday, getting breakfast & dinner for them. I have prepared supper in part, which can more easily take place sometime after the work of day is over about 8. The intervening hours I do hope, to spend spiritually with you. My journey here was exceedingly pleasant. My stay, at home delightful. I never need enjoy more in the same space of time. My health much improved thereby, & now I begin to think it quite restored - which you can understand is a great blessing - "Not enjoyment & not sorrow" is our destined endeavour" you know, so the fact is I did not indulge on arriving here all my own moderate expectations of my brother. He was who has been a resident here about 18 months past fine fun was just recovering from a severe bilious fever but at the same time, to be superintending & assisting his boys sowing planting &c, the most feeble & discouraged & younger brother

will time I was also in poor health & the lady I love very fond, boarded, nursed with her cares. The first 6 weeks I had a very good boarding place, employing my time, the 3 in reading knitting, cooking &c for the brothers who undertook to keep Bachelor's Hall the gentlemen got things ready for me. Meanwhile one had Lots. the other Acres & I just decided I'd dwell with them. When we meet, I'll amuse you with a graphic description of Western life. We have a cottage, of Pine, unfinished as a half mile from neighbors, Farms are laid out in Sections & quarter sections, the latter containing 80 acres. My brothers lot is a half mile East, the next a fourth North & still, his neighbors likewise, & although it is called a village, you perceive there cannot be much of the hustle & din of city life. Our immediate vicinity, is the highest land in the State, a rolling prairie 25 & the natural Scenery around, distant view is very beautiful indeed. If yr "Chair" was only here. I'd lead you to the door of my Cottage & request you to extend yr vision many, 30 miles in undulating Prairie, dotted with the oak groves called "Openings" as beautiful as the park of an English nobleman I can distinguish here & there, Twelve miles distant. I do not exaggerate. I am charmed with this spot of earth & you would also be, I am sure. Count on it. My regret is, that circumstances keep me within doors & household duties occupy my thoughts so much. My taste, inclination leads me to ride & walk to my pieces & the things so beautiful here. But we'll hasten to peep at Lizzie's Mistress of rigid stern

realities, gleaning something daily, nigh thereto, in future, fun & soberness, & state the "hoptic" in many turns, "the meekness" has not prevented me writing more but the want of leisure has, this has been a great self-denial. Notwithstanding you would be surprised to know the pages I have prepared weekly for home pieces, the Dove's & the Pe's & Me's are numerous you know, On a little eminence, less than a half mile distant - clusters a blacksmith & wheelright-shop, two hotel's Church, Small Congregational meeting house & P. Office - Eastern mail arrives Monday's Eve & Thursday's noon, & then myself straightway moves through the table land fleet goats, perchance herds numerous & flocks - thitherwards - many a light, many a damsel, I meet there at such times, pedestrian & equestrian there's nearly, line everywhere, & I must not indulge in a hint of it hardly, lest I immediately disgrace & make my letter too late for the mail. Just now glancing out upon a winding prairie "bridle path" road, I see a long haggard, tent covered very white drawn by two oxen emigrant's to the far Northwest - It has a sad sorrowful look to me. Pity the children & Mothers. My camp at night - a damp log, & kindling a fire to cook their scanty fare for life's support. "The mystery of life"! such pleasure daily occurrence - For the items of yr. kind letter which is this yr and before me must be attended to. First, must love to all the friends who think of me enough to "hunder me" at my silence - Louise & Ann - shall have tidings soon. Please see to it when you can, & if this last letter contains an idea for & the said idea to them, Mr. Lee, Lady, Mrs Webster &

heard per Mr Longstreet this. Thanks for the wishes jointly & severally
I have hesitated much thought much since upon the topic of
my return. I do not think I shall decided but probably
shall remain here during the winter. The society is good
Episcopalian, much the more numerous as well as, I believe, Church
& pastor soon. My health is much better than one year since
I think the climate is decidedly favorable. Rochester
has a locality, that is not on the map, lying 15 miles from the
northern shore of the Erie, river you'll see Princeton
which is the shire town. & where Richard pleasant visit
the same day for letters came, one came also from Emma
she is clever to me in writing & to am I to her. She told me of
Elizabeth's birth him a heap of happiness, I think I should
nearer to me we would have seen, despite that lady
whose name I've forgotten Josephine Henriette Henriette, something
sorry for Mrs Parker Bridge. I became quite attached to
very much regretted leaving the family at Buffalo,
my love to them when you write. Don't B. to write to me,
If Mrs Shaxton had died, I should have hastened him el
the responsibilities of Mother in law.
I am glad Mrs. Bevoil has called. She is a very ex-
cellent & interesting lady. The writes that Mr. Herbert
thinks to remove to Coxsackie. Please to tell me.
Ask your husband if he was sufficiently affectionate
to say "I remember her" How do I know if better
if good or evil that's treasured up.
Love to him & yr. Good Mother
If Mrs Benj Plummer don't call on you
She's naughty. Adieu
With love sincerely yrs, Elizabeth
Mr Brownell's horseback riding (very much the fashion)
when "traveling" is over. Been three times back to carry
last time by horse vehicle, my dump of a Englishman
would laugh outright at this style of riding & carriages.

Letter No. 1.

Lasalle Sept. 14th /51-

My Lucy dear

Your last kind favor came to me at this place about two weeks since, & since have been my wanderings & diverse my thoughts & plans in regard to spending the winter in this western world since I last wrote you- Six weeks ago per Lapsi I left Providence. My eldest brother decided on teaching, rented his place, & we disbanded. By special invitation I came here, to stay a little, homeward bound- Two weeks of much enjoyment passed, & ere one day as the shadows of evening were deepening, My brother Thomas three, arose up. One ran hastily in, to say to me that brother Frank was not quite in his right mind &c- The next moment himself appeared, clasped me in his arms, with tears of joy exclaiming "I thought you were dead, I saw you in heaven & I wanted to get to you" During the 48 hours he remained with us we had medical attendance almost constantly, but he grew worse, at length violent. He was then taken to Chicago to the insane Asylum in so high an excitement that the Dr. there in charge said in one night he gave him morphine sufficient to kill five well men, with little effect. An extra man is employed with him, the charge is $10.00 per week. He has been there nearly three weeks & they have succeeded in allaying the violence of emotion & in inducing sleep. The cause we do not know. The premonitory symptoms, for a few weeks, were extreme irritability & sleepless nights- The physician writes me every week. He closed

his last letter by saying he had good hope of his recovery. Chicago is about 100 miles from here, I wish I could be with him but do not think of going at present. A gentleman from this village, has been there last week & saw my brother. He lies in bed most of the time in a stupor, induced by medicine, no moments ever of returning reason. His heart was one of the most generous best, but he has not a christian. We cannot reasonably hope he will ever be the same again. but I cannot help the hope of a partial restoration, that his soul may be given to his Saviour & so pass away peacefully to his home in heaven — Lucy dear I live in amazement at this sudden visitation of Providence I do not know what to think of myself I'm so strangely calm — Frank was remarkable for health & hope. He loved me very much — I looked on him with expectation — but the hand of his Heavenly Father rests heavily upon him. He is stricken. I see it now just this, no more — It seems to become me therefore to say from the heart resigned — Thy will be done.

I have not yet written to my parents. I'm waiting the further progress of the disease, so you may please not speak of this letter to any one at present. I think I shall remain in this vicinity the winter. I shall be very glad to hear from you often. Direct to me, Somerville Bureau Co. The P.O. is kept by a widow lady. I often sit with her & read Eastern papers &c. I am now visiting in Mr Patterson's family. Mrs. P. is sister to Mrs. Yaskes of your city. I ride on horseback or otherwise whenever I like, find pleasant friends & enjoy them. I suppose, as usual, time is wearing away pleasantly with you. I know I remember and

sympathise in yr privations but then I recall yr quiet comfortable pleasant earthly home, with anticipations of the heavenly — & so I think of you rejoice with you, that you are to be "that you have so good a husband" like to foster a wife. In the full possession (as the poet sings) of the only bliss that has survived the fall. Yesterday a rain storm commenced the first for about three months. It continued through the night: whether it will conclude to-day I know not. I should be rather glad to be sober, but for the blessed privilege of spending the hours in spiritual communication with old home friends. I read a while, then just laid the book away because I could get more happiness from writing. I hope yr Sister is enjoying restored health. I followed you in your Island excursion with much interest. That "woman" was a curiosity. I do really hope her mission ground will be unmistakably pointed out. Oh! Oh! Oh! the startling contrasts & varieties of character in this little world. I've seen more the last two yrs than my life long before. How daily days of earth. Do you know that it seems the middle state between heaven & hell, the song of angels, & the shriek of fiends go up from the same spot. How I dislike, loathe the littleness mean, withered soul specimens. I meet & mingle with such, for they are here & every where so that the contact seems unavoidable. My head at this moment aches with memories of such specimens & their symetry beauty & richness of nature in this western valley. I was interested in reading this morning a thought emanating from one of the most great souls. He would fain better the world & his youthful imagination suggested a great bonfire on a broad prairie. The article was

headed "Earth's Holocaust" do do tell me what holocaust means
The author was a bystander the materials used for the flames
were newspapers magizines, badges of illustrious families &
sovereignties, from the worn eaten instruments dispread by
William the Conqueror down to Victoria. Time-honored nobility
first - Purple robes, crowns, globes & sceptres - Rapidly came after
Mother's hobby-horse, rolling over the prairie all the liquors of the world
Medicines burned save Homeopathy Politicians deprived
of bread from corn & office threw off their cloth. being false
Ladies flung in gowns & petticoats to assume the garb manners
duties of Men &c. of the other Sex. Cannon weapons & ammunitions of war
melted like wax: The greatest shout - then all instruments of death
to be hung
with the gallows. first - black, then a red coal, then ashes. Next -
the marriage ceremonies, bales of paper money & coin
day books deeds & ledgers, libraries the labor of lexicographers com-
mentators encyclopedists poets, lastly the Bible, which instead
of being blackened into tinder only assumed a more dazzling
whiteness - Mid the great conflagration, a dark visaged stranger
exultingly said there is one thing forgotten without - which all
is just nothing at all. Though they burn the earth itself to a cinder
unless they burn the human heart it will be the old
world still - &c &c. - I cannot give you much idea of the play
of the authoress genius, but it was a splendid article
"Loved the gift - the Giver given" &c - then we'd practice
on the golden rule & be happy, because better -
I dream thought - of Belle in her Sunniness. How does the
Lake Mansion stay? Anna dear writes me rather often
she seems to have a desirable situation.
You must write by littles at your quiet-leisure
& send me on the reception of this a closely filled
sheet. Every city, neighborhood & home item
By the way, for new house, I speak a room for me,
Pay love to all enquiring friends & do favor me
in my loneliness with an early reply -
With love yrs. Elizabeth Doe

Milo June 2nd 1851

Dear Aunt,

I have been waiting till the sows went down to fulfil my promise. I believe I shall not call this fulfilling it now for we have been making up the dresses &c last week so I have had no time to write. We are all very well only baby is all bit up with meters as Charly calls them he says when baby hand get big he can strike em just so

I went to Mr Linseys funeral yesterday afternoon, He died very suddenly. he had been in his shop about half an hour when some one came in and found him upon his face dead. It appears that an ulcer broke in his throat and it strangled him. He died in Brownville at Mrs Harveys

James is going in a great hurry so I must close

goodbye from your affectionate niece

Lucy Lamb

Lucy A. Searles
June 2

Mrs Lucy H Fowler
Bangor Me

Tell Jane I do not have time to write to her this time

Mib Dec 14 1851

My dear Aunt

I write to send by

Uncle Charles tomorrow. I have been to meeting today. The hall was very cold was not opened till eleven; and Mr Partridg was so cold he could hardly speak. He did not preach but one sermon. We have a very good school this winter. Mr Dean teaches arithmetic much as Uncle Joseph did. I like the way he has the first class held; he has them choose sides for a week. In the other classes he has promised a prize. To Lizzies class a quarter of a dollar. If she could go constantly I think she would get it without any doubt.
We are going to have a free singing school begin tomorrow evening Mr Heath teaches it.
James and I are going.

Mr Sargent gave Mother as much wood as Mr Richer could cut in two days and a half and Mr Burnt Bumps hauled it. The singing school was to begin last Wednesday and the singing master and a lot of the scholars came and when they got there they could not get the key

to either schoolhouse or hall. Mr Sprague was out of town so they could not have the hall and Mr Gould would not let them have the key to the schoolhouse. The Universalists have meetings in the hall half the time so there has been no others. But today there was a notice given of a meeting at our schoolhouse next sabbath so I hope we shall have meetings now. I want to see Charlie awfully. We are all going down to Grandmothers to live while Uncle Charles is gone. Mother wants to write so I must close. My love to Jane.

From

your
affectionate
niece Lucy

I told Lucy I wanted to write a little but it took her so long that my eyes ache too much, for you must know it is 9 o'clock, and I have been reading while she wrote. We had a good long letter from Ann the other day and C. a catalogue from Eliab. I am glad he is at school, the best thing he could do. Ellen Sargent is going to live with an aunt while her father is gone to California and she is a girl that needs such treatment as I fear she will not receive. I want very much to give her

some book that will do her good, perhaps a little bible might be the best, for I suppose if she has any other book it must be interesting or it would not be read but a neat little bible she would value and read I think I want get one (clasp like Isaac's) for 40 cts, of colporter If you will confer and consult and some of you get me such an one or some other book, cost not over, 50 or 60 I will be much obliged I feel under considerable obligations to Mr Sargent for word conferred and would rather have paid him for some of it if he could receive it, and partly on that account wish to get a present for E that will be valuable and beneficial to her. She would make a noble girl with right training I wish she could have it

I have another cheese to sell do you want it C says I can sell it at the stores for 10 cts ℔ and if you dont want it, I'll sell it here

you did not tell me the price of corn so I don't know yet whether it is better for me to buy corn here, or there,

Please send us Messengers and I think it would be well to take 6 copies for another year Mr Whidden Mrs Bumps Mrs Dolin and we want them and I dont know whether Miss Hodgkins or not I want Christian Almanac

good night

Almeda & Grey Goods
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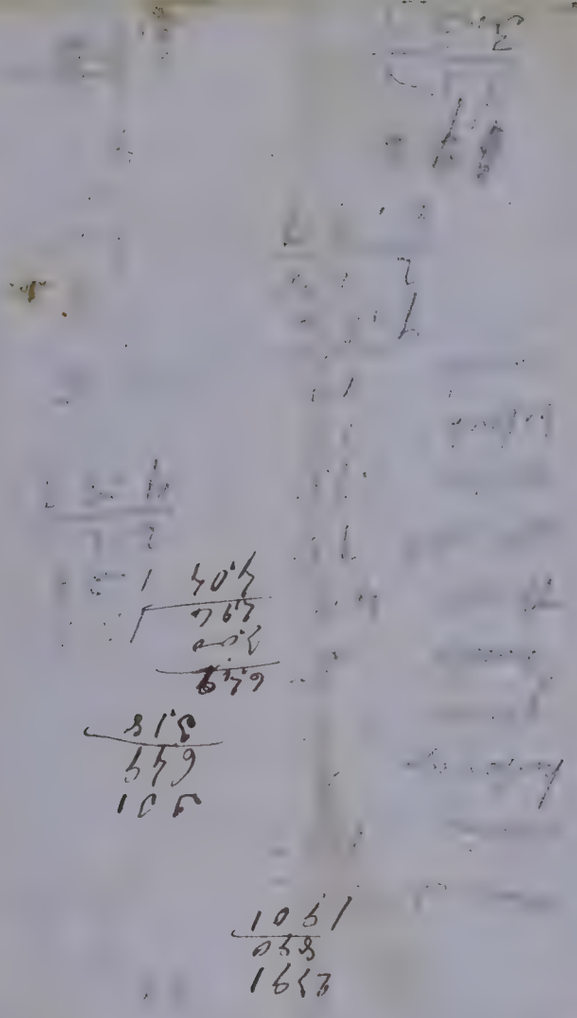

Farewell.

Farewell, thou loved Foxcroft! farewell to thee now!
For I from thy borders must quickly depart;
My stay here is ended, and hence I must go,
While sad is my bosom and pensive my heart.

Farewell, gentle river! thou beautiful stream!
How oft from my window I've gazed upon thee,
Till, joyous, ecstatic, e'en wild as a dream,
My spirit has panted like thee to be free.

Unfettered and free do thy waters roll on
Reflecting the foliage from either green side;—
How charming the sound of their murmering song,
As onward and onward forever they glide.

When sorrowful musings of kindred and home
Have clouded my brow and drawn tears from my eye,
Then, soothing, the sound of thy murmur has come,
Bidding sorrow depart, and comfort draw nigh.

But now I must leave thee! farewell, gentle river!
No more shall I gaze on thy dark foaming wave;
The sound of thy fall in the distance, shall never
Again greet my ear with the music it craves.

Farewell, ye loved haunts, where, when twilight's soft shade
Had spread o'er the earth her deep mantle of gray,
I have oft wandered forth, and thoughtfully strayed,—
While dim in the west, the light faded away.

Farewell, kind instructers; and school-mates farewell!
How many bright hours we together have passed;—
My fast throbbing heart with emotion doth swell,
While I think of those hours, too happy to last.

But now all those pleasures have vanished away!
Alas! vanished how soon! though dear to my heart,
The joy they afforded is gone when I say
To friends I have ardently loved "we must part."

Farewell, then, ye loved ones! farewell to you all!
My rising emotion and sorrow I'll quell;
Fate summons me hence and I answer the call.
Then again I will bid you farewell! farewell!

Farewell to Boxwell

Lucy M. Mead

Samuel H. F.
Bangor Oct 13 1856

Bangor Oct 13th 1856

Dear Mother

I suppose you like to hear often from us if we have nothing to say. We are I think all well. most certainly I am. Irving cries most of the time often awake I think his teeth trouble him some and he very much need a little "wholsome neglect" fitly he can't have it. Have not heard from Isaac since you left. The Roman Catholic Cathedral was consecrated yesterday a great day for the Irish. Mr Tebbets commenced to finish off two chambers to day. he hopes to get them plastered this week. he does them by the job. does the work and furnishes all material for $52,45. with what a different feeling I take hold to do any thing about the house now from what I have ever done before. I do it now because I know it ought to be done. it gives me no pleasure, my heart

is not in it as it was and should be in every thing which goes to make home pleasant and convenient. I know that instead of mourning over my present lot I ought to give thanks for the many happy days which have been mine. The memory of which will ever be blessed Oh that my tongue or my pen might be unloosed that I might make known all then is burning within me. it seems to me that I have been denied the power of telling all that I would more than most are able to do. and I suppose I must learn more to show by deeds and actions what I would wish to express. so I will make no further effort to express thought or feeling to night

I have taken the place of a boarder this week. my feelings are at times almost beyond control, but a sense of duty has so far sustained me and I trust will continue to.

To Percie. Grathen wants to see you very much. and he wants you to be a very good boy. always mind what what Grandmother

or Uncle Charles or Aunt Albina Tell you always mind very quick, and always be very kind to Mary when you play with her and perhaps one of these days father will come up to Niles and bring you and Grandmother home with him. because father wishes very much to have you and Grandmother here with him, and wont you be glad when father comes after you, and father will be glad if Grandmother tells me that my little Percie has been a good boy

and now my boy Good night may God watch over you while you are asleep and protect you, and you will learn to love God who is so good to you

S. W. Farber

Elysia April 13th 1857

Dear Mother

I suppose you would like to see my hand writing by the time this will reach you. You will see by what I've wrote Eliab about how I am getting along. I read a letter rec'd by Anna from you the day I reached here. You of course must be a partial judge of some things or persons upon which you give an opinion. If you knew all that I know I dont see how you could write as you do. It is a great comfort to me to know that you love and esteem me. I only wish that I could more than I do merit that esteem and love. If I could find words how gladly would I express to you the deep love and gratitude which I bear to you. May heaven bless you. How much I want to see Percie. yet I feel that it is best that he is with you. Tell that father sends him a great deal of love and want him to be a good boy. and I will write him a letter when I get to Minnesota. I have been spending the time here very pleasantly. between the

two houses. I stop nights at Anna's
to read some; talk some. try to sing
at times but often have to stop and cry.
I hope to hear from you often
with much love to all
Yours affectionately
S. W. Furber

Sam'l E. Lyman Aug 2nd 1878 1/1

S. W. Furber
Electric House
Bangor

S. M. Fuller
Elyria April 20 '57

Elyria April 20th 1857

Dear Mother

It's a beautiful morning, how fresh and invigorating, I returned here from Brookville Saturday evening, I had a very pleasant trip there. although the road beyond Kittanning was abundantly bad. 44 miles by mud cart, time seventeen hours from 10 A.M. to 3 A.M.
The road in places on the brows of hills. with the outer wheels within Eighteen inches of the edge of precipices seven hundred feet in heighth and no protection to keep the carriage in the road. riding in such places in a dark night without any light and the driver filled with bad whisky. is not very conducive to sleep. However I've been and returned all safe.
There is much in travelling through such a country to awaken thought — and deep feeling and high aspirations. I should think that the Poetry and the music of one living in such a place must possess

an elevation of thought and character beyond the reach of one whose life is confined to narrower spheres ; polished Halls

I was very much interested yesterday in two meetings held here by Mr Van Meter of the five points Mission School who is looking up homes for children. He had three little boys here, he gave an account of their operations, and presented the claims of these destitute children in a simple, clear and most affecting manner. The sympathies of all were aroused and few could listen to him with dry eyes. I think it is good to have our sympathies thus wrought upon, so that we may be led to say

"O give me tears for others woe
And patience for my own"

The weather here is very cold it has snowed almost every day for a week, past until to day I do not think it is any more

forward here than in Bangor. The grass is beginning to look green, but no leaves to be seen. Ice is yet in Lake Pepin I shall leave here Wednesday, stop one day in Chicago and over the sabbath with a cousin in Northern Ill. (Nancy Wingate) and probably get to St Paul about the last day of this month. I have been very well since I left, am now wanting very much to hear from you and Percie and all the others at Bangor, please write often and let me know all about Percie. Every thing in relation to him will possess a great interest to me. It seems to me that no one else can know how I wish to know of every thing which relates to him To know and to feel that he will have the best care taken of him and be subject to the best possible influences, will not lessen my desire to know all about him, and for this I must depend almost entirely upon

you, and I know that you will find
much satisfaction in giving me
this information

Enclosed I send you a copy
of a piece from the Era, It seems
to be very beautiful and truthful,
to me, the thought, that our dear
Lucy has given a direction to Percie's
character and impulses which will
even go with him to the end of life
is a very dear, I may say almost sacred
one that I might improve every present
opportunity for doing good, and not throw
upon the future what belongs to the present,
not knowing that there will be for me, in
time, any other than the present, Ask Percie
when he says his prayers at night if he will
not ask God to bless father, tell him that
father asks God to take care of him every day.

Much love to all

S. W. Farber

April 21st Not having sent my letter last evening I open it this morning to add to it; This village was thrown into a state of much excitement yesterday afternoon, by an incident upon the Rail Road. The Train due here from Cleveland about five P.M. Ran over a cow at the East End of the East Bridge mutually knocking Each other from the track. The Engine left the track as it went upon the bridge (the track is upon the top of the Bridge) ~~at~~ as at Kendalls (Mills) the bridge is about forty feet above the water and about 150 ft in length. There were two baggage cars one 2d Class and three 1st Class cars, the Engine went over the bridge off the track and leaped from the abatement down the bank as it left the bridge the tender following it; the baggage cars went past the Engine and then down the bank the rear end of the second one stoping near the top of the bank the forward end of the 2d Class

car resting upon it and the rear ~~end~~ end upon the road, the three first-class cars stoping on the bridge with the track torn all up under the forward one,

Two Engineers and a fireman went down the bank on the Engine and tender and one or two men were in the baggage cars

Not one person has been seriously injured, To stand and look upon this bridge with the torn track and broken floor upon the Engine and cars as they were last Evening. and know that no life was lost, no one dangerously injured. seems almost miracalous. it certainly calls for devout gratitude to God.

How different might have been the scene, This morning the road is cleared the track relaid and trains have passed over the bridge. which seems almost as strange as the event of yesterday

Good by

L, W, F

St Paul May 15th 1857

Dear Mother

From Letter of April 27th I
rec'd to day on my return from College
Grove, I arrived here the first day of
this Month at 6.30 A.M. I left Elgin
Wednesday April 29th one day to Chicago.
Stopped there one day. Spent a night with
Mr & Mrs Chas Thayler who were quite glad
to see me, and I was glad to see Lizzie I
think that she is not very happy, and no one
to blame but herself. I believe it is quite
an art to learn to be content. Chicago is
dis Lake very much. Flat and wet. I stopped
a few days with Fred Wingate in DuPage County 20
Miles West from Chicago, a very fine Country. The
prairie is much more rolling than I had thought,
unimproved Land is worth there $25 to 30 an acre
wood enough if evenly distributed good water
by digging 20 feet. Some of the Country between
there and Dunleith is flat and undesirable.
I arrived at Dunleith Monday Eve April 27

went directly aboard of a Steamer for St Paul. fare $7.00 arrived at Lake Pepin Wednesday Eve April 29. ice not out of the Lake Some 20 Boats waiting, our Boat the U.S. Nelson went into the ice and worked all night. breaking ice to the great discomfort of nervous passengers. I enjoyed it much. something to break the monotony of Steamboat life. Thursday morning we were joined by other Boats got through the Lake at night and arrived at St Paul at 6.30 A.M. May 1st/69

I had a Cold through all my journey and the day we got to Lake Pepin I was almost sick. Laid in my berth all day, but watching the breaking of ice that night got me well, and have felt nicely all the time since. The scenery on the River, is intensely beautiful and grand, evidently the design of a great Architect.

I find my folks there all well, but Theodore for whome I have many fears, I went to Cottage Grove May 2 and came back here yesterday, You can probably judge, better

than I can tell. how I spent my time.

Sometimes, often, we anticipate the meeting of long absent ones, more than we ever realize, but with you I can say in all truth that I have enjoyed these days with great satisfaction, and not the least of my enjoyment have I found in the Children. them, so much love, which we feel to be pure. I had not thot of it,

I presume you wish to know how I like Minnesota, I like it well, the farming country about Cottage Grove is certainly very fine, there are some objections. great ones, a scarcity of wood and water, as to wood, the objection is not great as a plenty of it can be got by drawing a few miles. there are many little ponds which afford a good supply of water. but wells cannot be got less than from 100 to any unknown number of feet. they use stone and cement cisterns & get water for drinking. The land is excellent fully meeting my expectations,

I have not yet decided upon any thing for permanent business. Father will start East about the Middle of June. do not

know how long he may stop. Olive and Mrs Haskell are intending to go East in the fall, & shall make arrangements with some of them to accompany you to Elgin, if you have no other opportunity. The legislature has now been in Session three weeks trying to dispose of the Lands granted by Congress & this Session for building R. Roads they have made but little progress

I hope to get a chance for Isaac next Some of these projected Rail Roads.

I know you will write me often, tell Percie that father want very much to see him and hopes he will be a good boy

Much love to all

S. V. Farber

S. V. Farber
St Paul
May 15th
Minn

S. W. Farber
St Paul May 1857

Milo May 25th 1857

Dear Mother

It has been a rainy day. it is a rainy evening. Father is gone out as usual, and I am almost lonesome. I did not know but you would like to see a plan of my present home. and I have drawn a rough sketch. The rooms No from 1 to 5 are rented $180. per year. The other Father occupies, I do not think it a very convenient house. There is no chamber in the house, no clothes press no place to stow away any thing. I shall have to send most of my things to Cottage Grove when they come. I can put one Bureau and sink in my room. and could crowed in the old Secretary too. perhaps I may. I have been back from the Grove 10 days. have been out of town 3 days looking about. I could have

been away to day if it had not rained I expect to go in a few days to Crow Wing 120 miles up the river. I have the offer of one third of a town of 320 acres laid out for a village consisting of 1407 lots for about $1300, if I like the looks of it I may buy and settle up there it is on the line of the R Road to Pembina and is a point to which their Charter confines the road and is within 1¼ miles of the Crossing of the Mississippi and near 1¼ miles the junction of the Superior and Pembina Road If I should go there I will let you know sometime, unless I see something that is quite inviting before fall I think that I shall go to farming. I am satisfied that I can make a living at that business and make myself a home although it may be an humble

one. and I feel as though I
wanted a place to call home. when
I can have Percie with me, it is
no use I cannot talk fast enough,
cannot fawn and flatter the Ego-
tism of people sufficiently to keep
up in the hurry and scramble of
this age. I turn from it with
loathing and disgust, I had
rather bring Percie up a stran-
ger to every advantage of civ-
ilized society. than that he should
become an adept in the arts
and and practices which lead
to place and preferment at
this day. Every body here seems
to be possessed with a spirit of adven-
ture and speculation. little or no
thought paid to those things
which go to make up the comforts
and happiness of home life, and
fireside pleasures. I hope, the
grace of God helping me, to give

my little influence for the right. Pray for me that I may be enabled to resist the evil and stand for truth.

About Percie, I feel very glad that I did not bring him out with me. I know that he is much better off with you, and is probably happier than he would be here. I do not know that I can give you any advice about him, do with him in all things as you think best. If I should say any thing it would be, require strict obedience to your every request, but I know there is no need of my saying this. May our heavenly Father strengthen you and guide by his wisdom in all your labor of love.

Tell Percie that Father sends him a kiss.

Affectionately.

S. W. Furber

Tuesday Morning May 26th/57

It is still raining. I have made a fire in the office, swept out and been to the Post Office, got "many" letters. The Spring here is very backward and cold. but no more so than below. The trees are just putting on a tinge of green. This western country is not so level as I expected to see it, the prairie grass is shorter than I supposed and the prairie fires far less magnificent, in all other respects it fully comes up to my anticipation, The land is very fertile and produces abundantly all crops but hay, for which this soil does not seem well adapted. hay is worth here now $50. per ton, a great deal of hay was burnt on the Meadows last fall and the winter has been one of unusual

Seventy. a great many cattle have died from exposure and want of feed. This difficulty of growing hay is one of the disadvantages of this Country. This is certainly a good place for a farmer and will be for a long time to come. the Emigration to this Territory. the Lumbering. the Mining and the Rail Roading must for many years make a home market two years ago Theodore, after reserving what he wanted to supply his family, sold produce to the amount of $4000, from the product of less than 100 acres. Theodore came here 11 years ago last fall with about $700, he has been sick a good deal, had one years crop destroyed by fire and his house burned, and is now I should judge worth from $12000 to 15000, but to get this he has worn himself out, I greatly

fear that he will be with us for but a short time. he is troubled much with bronchitis and dispepsy, and is very much debilitated. has had two attacks of diarhea since I have been here. which at this season of the year seem to me to indicate much weakness,

Every thing here seems to bear the impress of haste, there is nothing that seems to be finished, three per cent is the spirit of the age. nobody can or will use money for any other purpose when they can get from 3 to 8 per cent per month for it; I settled some business for Theodore since I came here, he loaned $500. March 1st 1856 Jany 7th 1857 he rec on the note $100, and May 13th 1857 I collected the balance $ $677.50. and still the man who hired it made money, he bot at Prescott

in the fall of 1888. 14⅓ acres of land for $900, The he paid the note he sold 11 acres of this land for $3500, These things account for the waste there is here, and the want of attention to the little things which go to make up life, I have not become much acquainted here yet, have been introduced to but two ladies in St Paul, and one of those last evening. a Mrs Goodwin, who is from Racine, and was acquainted with Anna then, I think that I can tell better how I like the place after becoming more acquainted, If the ladies are as much possessed of the rage of 3 percent as the men are I dont believe I shall like them,

Much Love with best wishes and a promise to write again

Samuel

Mrs.

St Paul Minn. May 27

Boston Monday Eve June 22/57

Dear Mother

I suppose you were some surprised to receive a telegraphic from me from Elyria. I arrived at Newton Corner Saturday afternoon, have been to Newburyport to day. I may start for Bangor and Milo tomorrow Evening, but cannot say positively, I suppose you are wondering what I am here for, I am after money to buy a steam Mill, but do not much expect to get it; I am disappointed in Newburyport where I most depended upon getting it. I shall look about here some more before I go to Bangor, I am very well. stand travelling much better than when I went West.

Theodore leaves St Paul to day to come here Helen comes with him. he has improved some the last three weeks. Father does not leave until I get back. I ought to leave Bangor for the East next Monday, as you might suppose. Isaac. Nettie & Anna are anxious for you to go back to Elyria with me, I would like much to have you go. but do not wish to urge you unless you judge it best. In haste hoping to see you all in a few days. with much love

Samuel

S. W. Farber
Boston June 22 57
Miles O'Brannills

S. W. Farber
St Paul July 18 57

Elgria St Paul. Saturday Eve July 18th 1857

Dear Mother

It has been almost three weeks since I left Elyria and I have heard nothing from any of you in all that time and I want to hear very much. I wish to know whether you got well over your journey and how you now are. also I wish to know how Percie is. and what kind of a boy he is now. I have had some fears that he might think himself of considerable importance in consequence of being noticed more than usual. and I wish to hear from you all, My health is excellent, but I do not feel very well. for quite a number of days past I have felt unusually sad and lonesome, kind of uneasy and unsatisfied, as I become more acquainted here I hope to enjoy myself better

I have made but very few acquaintences here. Except with Business men and those acquainteney you know do not come into Morning and Evening hours, I lodge at Fathers house get my meals at a public boarding house 3/4 of a mile distant. my boarding place however is but a short distance from the office which is very convenient.

Father starts next Monday the 20th for the East he is now at Cottage Grove, The busines at the office will not keep me very busy. but it is necessary that I should be here most of the time. as the Cemetery and the Poor must both be attended to on call, Last Sabbath Rev Mr Mattocks of the First Presbyterian Church forced me into the Sabbath School and Choir. he says. "we do not ask people here but just say Come"

I was very willing and glad to go to both places. I have a class of 4 boys, about 14 years old. Think it may be a pleasant class, in the Grove I found three ladies. no gentleman but the organist. no Worcester, I've something to do here most certainly, I think that I wrote you since I got back that is was quite probable that I should go to Merrimac, Mr Cushing referred the whole matter to his brother who is his agent here, and he says that cannot get along with less than $8000, so now I probably will go there, The Constitutional Convention which met here last Monday has broken into two, which have about as much affinity for each other as water and oil, it will require an alkalie to make them unite. I've sent Isaac a paper giving accounts of the proceedings,

S. M. Farber
St Paul July 25 57 Sheet 2 - July 20th

Elgria I had a letter from Theodora a few days since. He does not seem to have got much relief yet. I've not heard any thing from Bunyan or Milo since I got back. I am reading a book called "Modern Pilgrims" by George Wood of Philadelphia. It is on the plan of Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress. The pilgrimage is from Babylon the less (N.Y.) to the "Celestial City" via the "Interpreter's House", "Vanity Fair" &c. Some of the Characters are first the pilgrims Mr & Mrs Cutright and Mr & Mrs Freeman from the fifth Avenue, then the Rev Dr Upatree. Miss Golightly & others of Babylon. The Fremont, the Clifford & the Hotel d'Italie among the Interpreter's Houses. at the Interpreter's we find the Rev Dr Dodge. Rev Mr Spearing Hopewell also among the Interpreters were some strong minded women, At Vanity Fair they

met. My Lord & Lady Dielinoeun
Colonel & Mrs Proudfitt. Lord Shallbeso
and Bishop Highandry. The family
of Gunnupnoses. for the Man Mus Jin
not read. It is a very amusing
if not an instruction book. if you
have'nt it at Elyria I will some time
send you some extracts from it, as

Chapt 1 "As the new comer drew near, stealthily, to the
circle. he was first seen by Frank. who rising.
stretched out his hand as he spoke: "Ah. my old
friend Conscience! what brings you here!
But first let me present you to my sweet
wife. Gertrude, And here too. are Oliver
and his wife. You see we have followed
your advice. and in doing so have given
hostages, to society for our good behavior.
"And now asked Frank. I am curious to
know what has brought you here at this time!
Have you any very libellous charges to make
against us to our wives! You may as well tell
all for I know you have an Errand of some
sort" "My young friends, replied the old

man. in a tone of great kindness. I rejoice to know you have given yourselves into the care of these ladies. - bowing to them as he spoke - It is the first step toward safety, purity, and peace.

"O, yes! cried Jimmie, we are at our wits' end to know what to do next, and if you can save us from the misery we suffer I shall be glad, Our husbands love us dearly, Don't you! said she turning briskly round to Clara, - - - - but dear Sir we are not able to make our husbands happy, They told us we could and we hoped we might, and I'm sure we tried to do so, haven't we Gertrude! - - - -

My Jimmy friends, said Conscience. Listen to me, You sigh for happiness and it is not here, Wealth is yours already, and fame is hard to be attained, The stimulus of necessity is wanting to success, you cannot compete with men whose intellectual strength

is brought up to its height by the promptings of poverty, and it may be ~~by~~ the claims of children. But you, my friends, have a crown to gain, a life to win, or a life to lose, and all depends on your being pilgrims to the Celestial City, are you ready?

— — — — — — — — Dear Mr Conscience, said Gertrude, I shall be glad to go, but will not you be our guide!

Here my Lady, said Mr C., taking a small book from his pocket, here is the Guide-book; read this, make it the man of your counsel, it will be of itself sufficient, let this be the light to your path, and you need fear no evil,

Chap 5. "We shall not attempt to portray this rising of the morning star, and the day dawn of the soul. The more faithfully this is done the less likely is it to be understood" — "Mr Conscience came down, and never was he so welcome as now. He listened patiently to all they had to say, and sought with affectionate sympathy to calm Annie's fears as to the perils & trials of the way. for Annie did not scruple to

— having thanked her for her politeness and saying it would give him pleasure in any way to contribute to her pleasure. He was about to add something more, when Annie touched his toe with her own under the table, intimating that he had said enough, and he left off there, And here we will say that no one who has a sensible wife can be too grateful for these Marital telegraphic dispatches, — — — — — —

— — — "and yet I hate to wear anything to the disadvantage of any one around me, for I never feel afterwards precisely as I did before, It takes time to wear out these ink-spots of the memory";

St Paul July 25th 1857

Dear Mother

Above I send you a little more of the Modern Pilgrims, Enclosed I also send you a few items from the Time, and its correspondent "J. C." (I can't they call him (or her) thought I would not let so good an oppor-

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kindly pass unused, don't you think, he takes it kindly? a further proof of the truth of "Returning Answers" I tell him in another communication to day,

I am going to see if I cannot shame one paper at least out of its propensity to roll in the dust; I am talking to him to day with "tear in my eye" all by letter and "incog" whether it does any good or not it has the effect of amusing me, hope it wont damage the "Times"

Don't know of anything especial interest at present. My health is good, think it might improve could I hear from you, haven't heard a word since I left you, all well here, have not heard from Theodore since I wrote you last,

Love to all and a bunch of kisses to be distributed as called for

S. W. Furber

I missed this page when I wrote. I Thot I would copy a few words from the Modern Pilgrim. and I am found myself considerably drawn out; I've been a good deal interested and amused with it & I hope some of you will get it for I think it will do you no harm. It is written in a good deal of haste and you may be somewhat puzzled to read it; It will be an exercise of patience which I suppose is always good.

Much Love to all. Give Percie a number of kisses for me, tell his grandfather is coming to see him

Yours

L. W. Turbes

St Paul Aug 1st 1857

Dear Nettie.

Isaac's of the 28th & yours of the 24th & 7th of July reached me this morning. and wasn't I glad to hear from you! I had really begun to worry for fear that some of you were very sick, but a very happy now to know that you are all so well. Hope to keep hearing "that same", I should have enjoyed the trip to the Lake Shore with you very much no doubt, I wish that it were not so far to Ohio, I have not heard from Theodora since I last wrote you. have heard but once since I came back, have heard nothing from Maine, except by Mr. Jacob C. Smith - whom I met in this city town, he came into the office a few days since. with some scraps of Bangor items, it appears that a daughter of A. M. Roberts, and the of Dr Rich who died a few years since. both of them Grand daughters of Old Dr Rich, and the second daughter of "Thos" "Cattle" A. White have been counting the boys a ~~cattle~~ too fast. and as old Socabeson said on - "very sorry on't" "Calculated", isn't Bangor smart? I don't know of any thing here at present which would be of particular interest to you. Our two Constitutional Conventions are each building a Constitution, if with them they will give the

new State. Two backbones they would do good service, What will be the result of these proceedings time alone, the great revealer, will show, Although to my mind the "dimmocrats" are wholly wrong. I think this posture of affairs might have been avoided by the Republicans. by conceding where concession could have done them no injury. like all quarrels, neither the right nor the wrong are wholly the right of either belligerant;

I am having pretty quiet times now. although I have something to do every day, as overseer of the poor for the County I have much that is amusing, some things that are provoking and annoying, and cases calling for sincere sympathy, the puzzle is how to be at all times duly amused, provoked or sympathetic, for a misapplication of either (Condition of Mind) might be a great injustice to the applicant,

I have exchanged my 80 acre farm in Cottage Grove for 80 acres of timberland on the River about 15 miles below here paid $150, "to boot" The timberland now stands me about $6. per acre I hope it is worth $25. I bot 160 acres of land yesterday at Minnetonka 10 Miles from Minneapolis for $4. per acre, this land is said to be worth $10, I bot it for a 13th Cousin in U.S.A. who left $550.

with me in the Spring to invest for him, the balance I paid. I've written him offering to take half the trade and pay him 12 per cent for his money. dont know what he will do and dont care very much. I yesterday took a contract to grade a street here, where there is to be an embankment estimated at 18000 yards I get 50 cents per yard and have sublet it for 38 cents per yard. if the man does his work up in good shape I shall do very well by it. I made both contracts before breakfast yesterday morning, Our singing at the Presbyterian is so bad that I can hardly say that I enjoy it, but are to have a rehearsal this evening and hope for better things tomorrow,

Much love for all, please write

S. W. Farber

I think that the building and improvements of the streets in this City this season will amount to some $200000, think of that for a City of 10000 people, the money for opening and grading streets is not assessed upon the City Rolls, but is paid by the lots, per foot without regard to value, fronting upon the streets so opened and graded, repairs, culverts and street crossings are paid from City Treasury.

S. M. Fuller
St Paul Aug 1. 57

Elgria

S. M. Fowler
St Paul. Aug 5th '57

St Paul Aug 5th 1857

Dear Mother

Enclosed you will find a letter for Bercie. I wished to talk with him so took this way. it may amuse him. how much I want to see him. you may also find some scribblings. sometimes I amuse myself by jotting whatever happens to occupy my mind, not of any worth to any one but might serve to while away a dull hour. yesterday and to day I've had but little to do. been alone most of the time nursing and musclen. Hoppen says, and I incline to believe it, that "Mind may act upon mind, though bodies be far divided: For the life is in the blood, but souls communicate unseen"; I wonder if it is so, and if death destroys that communion of soul! I love to think that it does not, and at times, not unfrequent, I think that there is still existing that sweet sympathy of soul with the loved and lost, very strange and undefined feelings possess me at times. which I love to account for by such a faith.

John has just been in. I had not seen any of "the folks" before for most 4 weeks. They are all well and crops looking finely. We had a big fire here yesterday morning

lasting from 2 to 5 Oclock. burnt almost one entire square. There is no engine or fire department here, and if it had been in any degree windy the destruction must have been very great. The fire was stoped only by tearing down two buildings, and although there were men enough yet without any acknowledged leader they worked to much disadvantage. I am not much hoarse today but my arms feel somewhat stiff and it seems that my face yet burns from the heat of the fire. The buildings burned were all wooden ones and I suppose the fire may be considered as a kind of necessary evil, resulting in the end in a public benefit, loss estimated from $35000 to $50,000

My Contracts for grading 7th Street are all made and Sub-contract, and I can see nothing why I may not realize some $2000, without any investment or liability. I've just rec'd a letter from Mr Cushing still wishing me to go to Merrimac. dont know about it, if I could have had the same offer one month ago I could have gone, now it is indifferent. he will be here soon when I can tell more Much Love S. W. Farber

All "the folks" at Elgin may ready if they wish; my letters to you will be answer. I beg Annis pardon for writing on the margin

Samuel H. Fowler
St Paul Aug 14 57

St Paul Aug 14th 1857

Dear Mother

Yours of July 30th & Aug 3d are rec'd
& it is a very great comfort to me to receive
your letters. & know that you are all well.
& value them most for the counsels which
they contain. I thank you very much that
you are willing to advise and caution me.
I hope you will help in doing just so.
and I will try to remember the things
you tell me. Many, very many are snares
and temptations which surround one
here. and many are they which fall into
them. in respect to some of these, the more gross
and sensual which count their victims
by thousands I am fortunate. They are
not temptations to me. it requires no
effort to shun them. but without doubt
they are many temptations here for all
and those which are the most dangerous

another which we least suspect,
which come in the fairest forms. and lead
away from a christian life before we are aware
of their influence. perhaps my greatest danger
is that the excitement of business would lead
me away from the exercise of religious thots
I suppose the only safety is in a continual watch,
and reliance upon divine help, I have felt
in days past that there was a special provi-
dence watching over me to protect me
in answer to special prayers in my be-
half, and may I not still have a conscious-
ness of such protection in behalf of prayers
offered for me? I know. I may, There is an
evil against which you caution me that does
not happen to exist. "compliments & flateries"
There's no danger here. in fact I don't receive
quite so many as would be pleasant, isn't
that a confession! Of course you
will present my heartiest congrat-
ulations to Isaac and Nettie. hope their
quiver will be filled with arrows,

I think myself that the "Times" has not suffered at all by a few suggestions and rubs which they have occasionally rec'd I send you to day's paper which contains quite an article for professing christians & think of. I have rec'd letters from Theodore Hellen and Father. Theodore's health does not seem to be improving as we would wish. Father writes that all the Physicians whom he has consulted pronounce his lungs sound. and his disease to be debility from dyspepsia and excessive labor. he thinks of starting from the first of Sept. I have had no letter from Burgess Mills or Brownsville.

I have been writing a letter to Prof Shepard and will copy a few things from it

"A few days since my domestic happiness and my temporal welfare were all that I desired. in the first my cup was running o'er. and I had a sufficiency of this worlds goods for my own wants, and something to relieve the wants of others. Few, very few, have ever been as blessed as I in their domestic life. The Sun, whose shining was all the

warmth and light of that life, has
set, and how bright its sitting. How
the remembrance of that sunset glow
will ever be impressed upon us all who
beheld it. To cheer, to sooth, to encourage.
we know what gave it its splendor, and
may we not, amid the stroking cares of life,
forget it, if we wish that ours might be
like it, ---------- never shall I forget
or cease to be grateful for your kind attention
and your warm sympathy. from my heart I
thank you. I thank you for myself, and for her
to whom your calls were ever looked for with
an earnest desire and to whom they were a
source of much comfort---------- does the
knowledge that there is bread fill the hungrey?
or the fact that there is rain in the clouds
water the parched earth? Neither does the
suspicion that there is sympathy some-
where cheer the sad and bruised spirit.
---------- but may there not be those among you, shiver-
ing under the chilling influences of such frosty sym-
pathies, who might by the warmth of Christian love be made
blessings to you!" Much Love S. W. Fowler

THE MOTHER.—It has been truly said : The first being that rushes to the recollection of a soldier or a sailor, in his hearts difficulty, is his mother. She clings to his memory and affection, in the midst of all the forgetfulness and hardihood induced by a roving life. The last whisper he leaves for her, his last whisper induces her name. The mother, as she instills the lessons of filial love and obligation into the heart of her infant son, should always feel that her labor is not in vain. She may drop into the grave—but she has left behind her influence, that will work for her. The bow is broken, but the arrow is sped and will do its office.

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St Paul. Aug 26 1857
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St Paul Aug 26th 1857

Dear Mother

How much I would love to be with with you to day, and most likely if were I would sit and say nothing, if we can silence the tongue, we cannot still thought, it seems so just and good to look back. that I sometimes fear that I look too much in that direction, not looking forward and up enough. There is so much that is repulsive in the world. that I shrink from contact with it. and I expect to an extent that is wrong, but how can I help it. when almost every such contact gives pain, I sometimes wish that I were made of a material not so sensitive, what's the use of it? Those less sensitive have less annoyances and perhaps may do more good, although possible may not be capable of enjoying in so high a degree, How is it: should we try to cure ourselves of the grating which nice makes, when it runs its fingers over the chords of the soul? or can we if we would? As I said to a friend in a letter a few days since

"you will understand that it is not in me to trim my thoughts or manner of expressing them. you will get them just as they are dug up without polish and I hope without alloy." This I suppose you already understood and are willing to make all allowances for my interjectory manner, I cannot correct and smooth up anything

Enclosed you will find some of morning's waste of time perhaps to all but myself. I see a few days since a Boston Advertiser containing an abstract of an address by C. C. Felton, I enjoyed it much and send a few extracts from it; I have not heard from Father or Thoreau since I wrote you last, all are well here. my health is very good. am suffering some for want of exercise, which I will hunt up when Father gets back. if I should have to go to Cairo for it; I want to see Pencie,

with a great deal of love Yours

Samuel

I'd like to see some of Anna's marks

Aug 26th 1857

"Better is the day of one's death than the day of
the in birth".

We suppose this must be true, but how
hard to believe. It is one of those things which we can
believe only by the exercise of faith, we believe it because
God has declared it; to reason and human conception
it could never be made to appear, We rejoice at the
birth when it is all unknown as to the future whether
the life just commenced shall be this or that. an endless
duration of bliss or woe. and none even question the pro-
priety of such rejoicing, But who ever thought of com-
memorating the anniversary of one's death with
rejoicing! How is this? Can you explain it?

How much of late have my thoughts been with the
past. Living over again the years that have gone.
And I feel that it is good for me this day to call
to mind the character of our beloved Lucy,
But how can I speak of her or what can I say. any
attempt to set forth her worth would be such an utter
failure that I (had) better keep silent; I can only say
that the more I see of life in others and the more I learn
of myself. the more I cherish her memory and the
more I consider her qualities of mind and
heart as of very rare occurrence. Although

not what might be termed brilliant, her mind was one which would bear examination in any direction. There was no point in which it was not above a medium, and in many ~~[illegible]~~ qualities she had but few peers. But we are held by the most magic influences when we remember her qualities of heart. I should be unwilling to admit that any one ever had greater depth or beat with a stronger pulse, and she loved her friends with all her strength. Self seemed with her even to be a second consideration. She found her happiness in ministering to that of those she loved. And the influence of such a love upon us, who can tell, how much it has had to do in quickening into life and shaping whatever there is within us of pure and earnest desire for all things which are good and true. I know that to me it has been of worth beyond price, and I thank God that I was permitted to live so long subject to the influence of such a mind and heart.

"What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter"

St Paul Nov 2d 1857

Dear Mother

I rec'd a letter from you last week, while at work on the road also from Isaac. I need not say that I am always glad to receive letters from you. I have been absent on the road 4 weeks, leave again to day & shall probably be away until I complete the road. Sometimes the fore part of Dec, I have but a small crew, 2 teams and 11 men, am getting along with the work very well, shall make good wages if the job. Money in St Paul is exceedingly tight. The City is issuing (orders to issue) scrip in the form of bills for it's indebtedness which I believe will pass for currency.

The work on 7th Street (my contract) has been measured, although not completed, it gives me about $2400, when I shall collect it is, altogether uncertain, but it will draw 30 per cent interest until paid,

I am glad to hear you write about Percie, how much I do want to see him, I am glad that he likes to go to school, but do not think it well for him to be urged to study, or excited in relation to it in any way, unless he should be inclined to show an aversion to it, however I feel that you [illegible] as well or better than I can [illegible] to pursue with him, I know that boys are not so likely to become vain of fine clothing as are girls, but when they do so become they appear much more silly and contemptable, I suppose you have heard the anecdote of the lady who asked Sheridan Minister if he thought it an evidence of pride for a person to dress well, his reply was, "when you find a fox hole, and the fox's tail sticking out of the hole, be sure the fox is in the hole", we have been having beautifull weather for two weeks past. It is now beginning to feel cold, and I fear cold weather before

work in the road. I do not know what I shall be about next winter. Some of the folks at Cottage Grove wish me to get a place there and sell their produce for them. They can not sell it to merchants there and get their pay, and are afraid to sell on credit. If I could get enough to do I may suppose I might do it, but it is quite uncertain. Should I find nothing to do there for 4 or 5 months I might find my way to Ohio. Could I get boarded there? What do you hear from Elias? I've had a very small letter from him since he left Bangor, although he said in that that he had written me before. If he can stand these times I guess he will get along. How are Isaacs Dudevoir matters?

Miles on the road at work. I have been busy and contented, but since I got back here might before last I've been anything but in good spirits. I do not know what the trouble is, I do not feel at home any where. I suppose the cure is to keep at work.

Best wishes to all

With much love

Samuel

this is the type I need
(And yet I needs repine
That life has no higher mead
For a soul & heart like mine
I only sighs when I think that
How many in life there be
Who have no tender link
To lighten their chains like me
There is a little face at the window
But I know for whom it waiteth
And that no human joy
Is like the love which a Father
Bears for his only boy
Sometimes we go to the Grave yard
Where the ashes of loved ones lie
whom we so tenderly cherish
[illegible]
And we sit us down beside them
& this my heart hears
[illegible]
He speaketh to his mother
Tho' no word he utters
The light within his eyes
[illegible]

And I feel the sacred duty
To guide his untried feet
That his life may be full of light
And good & sweet

Fredericksburg Aug 27
Grace

St Paul Nov 13th 1857

Dear Mother

I quit work on the road last Monday morning, reason, 10 inches of snow, which fell Saturday Evening and Sunday. Winter seems to be upon us in earnest. it has really thawed but little any day this week, and my work will have to lay over until Spring. I have about a weeks work to put in some Culverts and then I shall go into winter quarters. I get on my Street Contract here $2471.18. my pay is in certificates of assessments upon lots in the street. which creats a lien upon the property and is considered good security. which certificates draw 30 per cent interest. My Government Contract amounts in all to but about $30000, I shall make good wages on that

perhaps $400. I have not decided upon anything for business the coming winter. Many farmers about Cottage Grove wish me to sell their grain and flour for them this winter, they think I should have from 40 to 50 thousand bushels of oats, corn & wheat to sell, which at a fair commission would make a good business for me, if I can find a good room without paying St Paul rents I may conclude to do it, The only reason why I do not wish to do it, is, that it will prevent my visiting Elyria, which I had almost set my heart upon, but perhaps I may steal a few days in the Spring, to go there, I want to see Fannie and the rest of you.

Theodore's health seems much better than it was last spring, and I think he is better than when he came home,

I rec a letter from Almeda a few days since saying that Mills wished to trade back on the farm, and asking my advice as to how she had better trade. It seems that she told him in the Spring that ~~she would accept~~ he might come back if he wished to so that she feels under obligation to trade in some equitable way, also she wished to know what was best in relation to James whether to come to Minnesota or Ohio. or stay in Brownville. also whether Mills could do better here than in Maine, when it is so

difficult for me to tell what to do myself how can I tell what is best for others to do? In relation to Mills I told her that in doing well here every thing would depend upon his pluck and caliber, neither of which I had measured, in regard to James I think he had better stay under her influence a few more years if he should not get quite so much money, he is too young for western life, unless under the immediate influence of some good person, as to trading with Mills I advised her to accept his offer to pay back all she had put into or on to the farm. pay James $120. for his summers work, pay her $330. for her right of dower, and give her a home there with one sixth of the produce of the farm and the taking care of her cow & sheep for four years, when they will have means sufficient to locate themselves in some more congenial clime, and where if they can not do more good they can enjoy more of the delights of social life, I wish that they were easily situated not far from you in Elyria. would'nt you enjoy it? The more I see of this country the more I am inclined to think Ohio a pretty good place to live in, Should I ever have a home I think it quite as probable that it will be in Ohio as in any other place, but every thing is so changing so uncertain

here that it seems almost folly to make any calculation upon the future. at least so far as to let ~~any~~ our happiness depend upon the stability of human events. and yet we cannot seperate them. they are so mixed that death alone can clear the tangled web, I suppose that it is not designed that we should be free from the influences which are about us on every side, and we should also remember that we are not passive objects but active, in our turn exerting always an influence on all with whom we come in contact, and I suppose that it is wise not indolently to drift with the most to but to use all the moral strength we have to direct it's course aright,

Affectionately
Yours
S. W. Furber

Mrs. Fowler
Elgin
St. Paul Nov. 13 57

C. M. Taylor
St Paul Dec. 8
1857
Elysian

St Paul Dec 8th 1857

Dear Mother

Your letter of Nov 18th I rec'd to day from Cottage Grove. I am very glad to hear from you, as I felt somewhat anxious about Percie since I rec'd your last also at the Grove, I am very sorry that you have so bad a cold and do hope that you will be relieved from it soon, I have done all that I shall do on my road until the opening of Spring, the work I've done amts to about $1450, my expenses have been about $700, I was at work on the road about 3 weeks with 12 men and two teams. and one week since with three men putting in Culverts. my Contract is about one half completed, Mr Hamilton will share the profits after paying me about $4.00 per day for services. a short time ago I had almost concluded to hire a store here and sell grain & flour for Cottage Grove farmers. but somehow I do not feel very enthusiastic about it, every thing is so dull here now that I fear I shall not make enough to pay expenses, and it might interfere with my work in the Spring. Government will expend some $20,000 in the Lewiston next season roads. which will be contracted for in February, I want to see if I can get a contract, much as I desire to. it is very doubtful whether I shall go to Ohio this winter, the journey is so tedious from here to Prairie Du Chien. it is quite likely I may take a trip to see you in the Spring. Dear Percie how much I want to see him. what is it he'll tell father when he comes" I should like to hear it now, do you really think of going back to Maine in the Spring? and do you want to take Percie with you? I don't see how I can let him go away from me, and is it best for you to go away

so far? I'm not at all sure that it is, I do not wonder at your desire to get your children around you, and do not know why it would not be best for them and why you may not have your desire gratified with the exception of the one you have in Minnesota, and if I could do as well for myself in Ohio as here I would go there very quick, I am sadly perplexed at times to know what to do with myself and for Bernie, I want him with me, I feel as though I could not be without him, and yet what can I do with him? I wish I could know just what my duty is in regard to him and myself, I can reconcile myself to almost any lot or condition if duty requires it;

Friday afternoon Dec 10th next day after Thanksgiving, I was interrupted in my writing and have not since had an opportunity of finishing until now. I do my writing in Father's office and am subject to many suspensions, I do not like the idea of your going to Maine in the Spring, but I suppose you must know best, Should you decide to go in the Spring I might conclude to go with you if you would like to have me, for two weeks we have had very mild weather, then barely snow enough to make good sleighing, I thank you for the 50 stories from "My Little Boys" I think it valuable, I have just bo't me a $100. Melodian, with which I expect to entertain myself very much these long winter evenings, My Contract here for grading Street, is completed, I get no money but get 30 per cent interest and what is considered good security, I am much obliged to you for your many good letters and hope you will not weary in writing them. I red a letter with yours from the Dr & think will answer soon much love to you all

L. W. Barber

F. W. Kuhl

Jan. 5 '88

St Paul Jan'y 5th 1888

Dear Mother

Yours of Dec 28th I rec'd yesterday
Many thanks for it; I do not think it probable
that I shall go to Elyria this winter, notwithstand-
ing I should be so glad to; whether I shall go
in the Spring is also quite uncertain, be sure of
this I shall go whenever I think it will do
for me to leave long enough for such a journey
and visit, you know I like to make long visits,
Dear little Percie how much I want to see him, I
should like to have heard him speak his piece, I fear
that he is perhaps receiving too much notice, and I
should judge it best for him not to attend school
the remainder of this winter, however you can
judge best about it; In regard to clothes for him
you will get what he needs, I will send you some
money to defray charges, I believe I left with
you last Spring $10, will you let me know what has
been expended for him, I'm in a very much bother at
while writing to day, will try to get an opportunity
to write again in a few days until then

Good bye

F. W. Kuhl

St Paul Feby 3d 1858

Dear Mother

I have been watching for a letter from you for a number of weeks. The last I rec'd from you was written Dec 25th which I answered at once.

I do not know that I have anything of much interest to write about, I have been very quiet here this winter. I have hired a room until the first of April where I store grain for the Cottage Grove folks, but sell very little, there is no money here, I sometimes go to the Grove to see the folks there. We were all together New Years Eve, I shall start in a few days to examine a road to be built by the U S. next May, June & July in direction of Lake Superior and extending to within thirty seven Miles of the Lake. a job of some $10,000, they have now advertised for proposals to be rec'd until the 27 inst, but I deem it very uncertain about getting the work, as there will be much competition. Government is also going to build a road commencing at Fort Ripley and extending some forty miles in the direction of Pembina which will be let soon, there will not probably be much done in this City in grading of streets the coming season. There is more money to be made in doing work for the City than for individuals Samuel if one can wait for pay. I am letting

of trading some land I bought last season for a farm near Cottage Grove, 18 Miles from here. Should I buy the farm, and find no other business I may turn farmer in May, the farm of which I speak of Contains 200 acres, 100 of which is good timber, a very important item here, and has 25 acres under cultivation, buildings a log house and various sheds, now should I turn farmer I should want Percie to help me, so you will not be surprised should you see me at Elyria after him in the Spring, and this is not improbable, and how much joy the thought of having him with me would give me, were it not for the pain I know it must give you to part with him, I think I know how much and how dearly you love him, and O how glad would I be could you ever be with him and with me, and could I in any way see it to be my duty I would most gladly make my home near you in Ohio, Perhaps I may so do some time, but I cannot now see now, If I am not deceived I am not desirous of obtaining great riches, but I do feel a very strong desire to be free from embarassment, and as fast as I can, without a sacrifice of health and happiness, I shall labour for that end, and if I am prospered a few years I hope to attain it. I have another change in view, of which I shall know more definitely in a few weeks, and of which

I shall consider it a duty and a pleasure to inform you, and may I not be assured that whatever will add to my happiness will receive your hearty approval? I know that it will, and I trust also that of all my friends, but more of this another time,

I have recently received letters from Charles and Almeida, nothing of special interest from either, it seems that Nelly has got over his desire to buy back the farm. I am almost sorry for it without knowing why. somehow it does not seem to me that Brownville is the best place there is, does it to you? still I do not know where Almeida could go at present to improve her situation. I rec'd letter from Elida and Nellie Dec 4th to my answer to theirs and also to letter written just previous & have rec'd no reply, I sometimes think it is a little singular, but I suppose they are very busy, it appears that Mrs Harlow has got relieved from the presence of Mrs Nesbit, I wish him much joy. My pen and fingers are both getting cold, Good night

Samuel

Thursday Morning, I do not know of any thing further to write only that I wish very much to get a letter from you, and to see Percie, does he ever think of coming to Minnesota, or talk much about me? it seems as though I could not wait till spring to see him, With much love to all

S. W. G.

C. N. Farber
St Paul, Feb. 3d 1858.

Elyria

Answered
July 30th 1856
Dunbarton

Bangor July 30th 1856

Brother Isaac

I feel as I must write you to night although I hardly know what to say. I fear that Lucy is failing fast and that we may at any moment be called to part with her. She has lost strength for two or three days very much and her cough is growing worse distressing her very much to raise any thing her lungs. There are small abscess's constantly forming and breaking in her lungs. Dr McRuer calls them tonica. Our hope is that she may find relief from confinement within a few days. I do not know that I can ask you to come to Bangor but I do feel a very earnest desire that you were here. Her efforts sometimes in raising are such that we fear her strength will fail. I will try to write you daily

Yours

S. W. Furber

Funnel Bangor

July 31 1856

Dunbarton,

Bangor July 31st 1856

Brother Isaac

Last night Lucy had a hard cough almost the whole night, to day she is much easier and we feel more hopeful about her. her vomiting which has continued until within a day or two has ceased and what food she has eaten yesterday and to day we hope has done her good. we have been disappointed so many times thinking that she was better that we hardly dare feel much encouraged to night but we will be thankful that she is more comfortable. Mr Rider and Almeida went home yesterday without any hope of his recovery and a probability that he may very suddenly be taken away by the Cancer eating off the artery. I do not know that such a termination could be regretted

Love to Nellie

S. W. Furber

Aug 1st 1856

Furbush

Bangor Aug 1st 1856

Brother Isaac

Lucy slept about all of last night without once coughing woke at 5 in the morning very much distressed for breath until half past six & she suffered very much without any cough when she was relieved by the breaking of a small abscess on the lungs and has been quite comfortable since She has had these abscesses quite frequently for two or three weeks past and they are always attended just before breaking with a tightness and considerable distress, but the one this morning was much worse than any before Dr McRuer says we must expect them to continue about the time of until her confinement which he thinks may be in a few days. we hope she may then find relief but have many fears that she may sink under it.

The weather for a week past has been oppressively hot and there have been many cases of Cholera Morbus, but one fatal case I believe, a daughter of Dr Mills near us aged about 12 years

S. W. Furbush

Samuel Bangs
Aug. 3d 1852
(Lucretia)

Bangor Aug 3d/52

Brother Isaac

Since I wrote you Friday afternoon Lucy has been quite comfortable on rather has not suffered as she has at other times, has had no abscess since the one friday morning. has had less fever, feet swollen less appetite better and some little improvement in strength. Dr McR said to day that she looked better than for 4 weeks before. he felt encouraged that her system showed recuperative power, another day may dash all our hopes. yet we ought to be thankful for this little respite which she has from severe pain

The rest of us are all well

Love to Nellie

J. W. Furber

If any children is sufficiently well may not travel you every day.

Received Answ'd

Aug. 6 1856

Bangor Aug 6th 1856

Brother Isaac

We rec yours of the 2d inst last eve. were very glad to hear from you and that you were all well Since I wrote you Sunday up to 12 O'clock last night Lucy had been quite comfortable when her labor commenced and at three O'clock a daughter was born to us weighing 4¼ lbs Lucy and the Child are both better than we could have expected I think there is a chance that the Child may live. In regard to Lucy we hope that the disease upon her lungs may take a favorable turn we can tell nothing at present only that she is to day quite easy. Percie is the proudest person in the house at the accession to the family

Yours

S.W. Furber

Aug. 7 1856

Bayou Aug 7th 1856

Brother Isaac

Since I wrote you yesterday afternoon Lucy has on fear failed She had a very restless night and was this morning very much distressed for breath got a little easier about 10. O' clock and since then has been rather drowsey and does not seem to be entirely conscious when awake, we have many fears that she will be with us but a few days at the longest,

The little one seems pretty well and could it have a Mothers care I think it might live

Elisha's family have gone down river a few days for Maria's and the baby's health

L. W. Furber

Bangor Aug 16th 1866

Brother Isaac

I hardly know what to say in regard to Lucy's health. We hope that there is some improvement. She Coughs and raises less and has less fever but is troubled now with diarrhea. We think that she is as strong now as one week since, or rather is not any weaker. She commenced to day taking Cod Liver Oil from which Dr McPhee hopes she will receive decided benefit. Dr McP says that if the disease on the Lungs is inflamatory, and he thinks it most likely that

it is. that she may get well
but if it is tuberculus the
chances are very small
indeed. The little one
does not seem so well
to day as usual. I have
many fears in regard to
it, the effect of its death upon
Lucy would be very much
to be regretted

Elijah has gone to Leadport
to spend the Sabbath with
his family

I have written you very
frequently for two or more
weeks but have not heard
one word from you. Do you
receive my letters?

Yours

L. W. Fuson

Bangor Oct 18th 1856

Brother Isaac

We have not heard from you for some days and feel quite anxious to know how you are all getting along. I went to Milo last week with your Mother and Pereis whome I left there. I came home by the way of Dover & stoping over night with Mrs Cochran which revived old memories. Elials folks have taken up their abode at my house. They keep house and board me and family. it seems very odd to take the position of a boarder. I believe I feel day by day more and more my loss. no loved one to greet me as I find my way to home. I am now finishing two rooms one in each attic which seemed to be necessary to accomodate us all when do you think to go to Elgin?

I wish that you had some of my housekeeping fixins, when you set up in Elgin. Irving has cut 3 or 4 teeth since they came to my house and seems now quite well, needing very much a little wholesome neglect. Give much love to Nettie

Good Night—

F. W. Farber

Banyan Oct 29th 1886

Brother Isaac

We rec'd your letter last evening, and were very glad to know that you are all so well as to be able to start on your journey next week

In relation to my sending you house keeping fixings, I hardly know what to say. There has yet been no position trade made, but we have been talking, and I shall probably sell to Elisha my interest in the store and my house and lot. whether I sell to him or not I have pretty much made up my mind to leave Banyan, for a journey west My lumber operation will come out so that I shall not be able to pay P&R all that due, and

them and probably not my
half of it. am in hopes to make
some compromise with them but
cannot yet tell. I have secured
F & Metcalf by the putting into your
hands last spring my House, all
that I and F & Broadcom own
them. as I have to begin the world
again, so far as property is con-
cerned. I do not feel like doing
it here. A Mr Douglas
minister at Old Town is talking
of buying some furniture and
Carpets of me. was to be at my
house with his wife yesterday
but the storm prevented
Expect them tomorrow. I think
they may buy a Sofa and Tables and
Chairs and perhaps Carpets
You know pretty well what
I have in the house (Elisb wants
nothing) and whatever you wish
me to I will pack and send

To Cleveland to whosever order you wish. Freight from here to Cleveland is about $2.00 per 100 lbs I have some silver ware which I do not wish to sell, but would be very glad to let you have for the present. Say Cake Basket. 4 Large Spoons 1 Doz Tea Spoons Salts &c. I suppose there would be no trouble in packing crockery so as to go safe. I will send just whatever you wish. A great deal of love to Lou & Nettie I am very much obliged to her for her letter, it does me a great deal of good to receive such kind assurance of sympathy

With much love

L. W. H.

I have one Hair Mattress for a single bed

Samuel Bangor Oct 28, 1836.

Elysia

Samuel Bangor Nov 8. 1856

Elyria Bangor Nov 8th 1856

Brother Isaac

Enclosed I send you inventory of Merchandise & shipped to you by Steamer next Monday. I have marked it "Dr E. De Witt, Elyria Ohio" thinking that perhaps it might get better dispatch in Cleveland he being known there as a Rail Road Man. I have made a bill seperate from the inventory, it is a pretty difficult matter to get all the prices to suit myself, and whether they will suit you is still more improbable, I will send you bill of Lading which will come from Boston. The Agt here says the freight will be $1.13 per 100 lbs from Boston to Cleveland and probably $1.18 to Elyria, All well How do feel Politically

L. W. Farber

Samuel Bangor Nov 6, 1886
Elyria

Bangor Nov 6th 1886

Brother Isaac

I have been packing
Crockery &c for you To day have not
time & night to give you a full
list. I have packed - 2 Wash Bowls
& Pitchers & Chambers. 2 Britannia
Tea Pts & Coffee Pt. 1 Doz Tumblers
1 Doz Preserve ~~dishes~~ plates
1 " Dish
½ Doz Egg Glasses and about
all the Crockery I had in the
house. 2 Doz Knives & forks, Carver
and fork &c &c, Tin Pans. Steamer plates
dippers &c, Shovel, Tongs, poker & Stand,
one Carpet 14×15 for Parlor 1 do
12×15 for Chamber quality for being
my sitting room Carpet. Bed, Mattress
Pillows 1 pr Blankets, I will send a
full inventory or list by Monday
when I shall ship them

C. W. Fuller

Bangor Nov 13th 1856

Brother Isaac

Yours of the 8th inst was
rec'd this evening. I was very glad
to learn of your safe arrival at
Elyria. May much happiness attend
you and yours wherever you may
be. Your Goods I shipped last
Monday, put them in care of an
Agt of the Western R R line, who
said they would be in Elyria this
week. You ask if I am decided
to leave Bangor? Yes. Perhaps I do
wrong, but there are various rea-
sons, which to me seem sufficient
to advise such a course. In my
Lumbering Operation of 53 & 54 I
lost more than all I was worth
and all that I have gained since
and I feel that I can meet that de-
mand sooner by leaving than by
staying in Bangor. I have no cap-

ital in J & M's business and am
of no benefit - further than ascer-
my labor is worth, by selling out
Eliab might obtain a partner
with some capital which would
make business much less embarris-
ing and more profitable for him,
and further I feel that I might be
happier in some other place than
here. every thing so reminds me of
other days, and forces comparison with
these present days, that I would turn
away from these loved places, and
seek to forget my sorrow in the excit-
ment of new scenes and new
pursuits, perhaps I take a wrong
view of things and am taking an
entirely wrong course, I do not feel
so decided and clear concerning
what course to take as I wish I
did. and in the event of my leaving
here I do not feel at all decided upon
what course to take, as would be
very natural me thought I am

much upon Minnesota, and I have thought that I should at any rate visit there in the Spring, If I owed no man any thing I think I would buy a little piece of land, and get my bread from the ground. I have had for a long time a strong desire on the part of such a life, perhaps if I should try it. But I should not find it what I hope

Mother and Percie come home day before yesterday, both quite well. P especially so

Much love to Nettie

Tell Brother DeWitt that I have rec'd the Picture, and thank him for letter

L. W. Foster

Samuel. Bangor. Jan 13. 1836
Elyria

Samuel
Bangor Dec 2
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Brother Isaac

Elisab I believe wrote you yesterday in relation to your Mothers sickness. I think he has been considerably excited, but I cannot this evening but feel some anxiety in regard to them. We this A noon that she was really better, but since then she has had more fever and pain. She coughs considerable but raises nothing and is very restless. I feel that she will improve in a day or two, will keep you daily advised, The rest of us are all quite well, Our River is closed with ice

Much love to Mother

S. W. J.

Banyon Dec 19th 1886

Brother Isaac

Your letter in relation to your books was rec'd this morning. Sometime when it is not so cold as now (20 below and very windy) I will look them up and ~~carry~~ carry them if to be found when I go west which I think will be in April. I shall also take Percie with and your Mother if she will go. I have yet said nothing to her in relation to going, nor have I heard her express any opinion about going. I think that I shall urge her to go to Elgin in the Spring but I suppose she feels that Ben Rhea is in Milo. She is now quite well and gaining strength slowly.

I wish Clem Dr McPherson

from the charge of inefficiency made by Brother DeWitt

She was taken sick Sunday or Saturday night. Elcie employed Dr Payson until Wednesday afternoon, when he yielded to other persuasions and Dr McRuer was called to attend upon her and I can but feel that he saved her life

My business here will probably be so far closed that I can leave here in April. Think I shall go to St Paul and then determin what next to do. Father has written about building a Steam Saw mill there. It seems that it might do well. Logs are worth $8,00 per 1000ft and Board $20.

I think that a few hundred dollars invested in the right

place somewhere in the
west might afford a great
income, the question is to find
that place. May it not be
at Superior on the west
point of Lake Superior?
I can probably settle
with Pendleton & Bros
by giving four notes for
$1000, each payable in 2,
3, 4 & 5 years, perhaps add-
ing
the fifth. They are perfectly
that I should go west. in
that case I should have per-
haps $1000 to carry with me
and the Penn Land with
say $340 to pay on it next
August and I should hope
with health to be able to meet
such notes and finally to get
free from debt, the loss on
three years ago
our last winter's lumbering

operation will not be less
than $22000, twenty two thousand
If I pay P & R $4000 and Hy
Metcalf $4000, it will leave $14000
for P & Ross and Braden who may
pay $3000. Ross has told me
that if I want to go west that
I may give them my notes
for just what I have a
mind to, and pay them if
I can, It makes a pretty
hard show but then have
been much worse ones
and P & Ross feel perfectly
pleasant in regard to it,
I expect great things from
the Penn Land in time.
I offered to give it to P & Ross
but they say keep it,

What do you think of
it all?

L. W. Farber

Samuels, Bangor Me 19. 1856
Physician

Bangor Jany 16th 1857

Brother Isaac

Yours of the 8th inst was rec'd yesterday. Certainly $1500 is good pay But would you like to live at Du Quoin? I supposed that Nettie's health would be an objection. I do not know what to advise you. If you were on some Roads for instance the Minnesota and North Western that you would get more pay and have opportunities for buying land which you could not otherwise have. But perhaps you might make a fortune somewhere Else while waiting for that Road to be begun. I suppose that you could have done far better with your money for yourself than to have let it to Farber & Metcalf. But I know of no remedy for that. I am sorry and hope some time to be able to remunerate you in part for your loss.

I have been to Nils and Brownville this week. Mr Riden is failing. he cannot live many weeks. perhaps not many days. he suffers terribly. but has as yet been able to eat enough so as not to suffer from hunger. Almeda is now quite well and cheerfull as possible under the circumstances. There has been quite a revival among the young people in Brownville. some 20 have made a profession. Lizzie is very much interested and hopes she has found the pearl of great price. They are all well at Charles' I believe that Albina and Maria both contemplate and extention of their households sometime. Eliab I suppose has written you what ther news there might be if any. I start next monday for Boston shall spend two or three weeks in Mass and N. H.

with my friends there. I have got to be at home by the 10th of Feby to serve as a Juror in the Criminal Term of the Supreme Court. I rec'd a letter from Father a few days since, he wishes me to go to Minnesota Early in the Spring to do his business for him while he comes East. I shall probably leave here the last of March. I had determined to carry Percie with me. but your Mother wishes very much for me to leave him. I told her that I should be more tempted to leave him with her at Elyria than here or at Milo. Can't tell what I shall do yet

Yours

L. W. Barber

Samuel Bangor Jan 16 57

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S. W. Farber
St-Paul May 16. 1857

St Paul May 16th 1857

Elyria

Brother Isaac

I arrived here May 1st at 6.30 A.M. next day went to Bot-tas Grove and came back here yesterday I found the folks here all well, with the exception of Theodore about whom I feel quite anxious

I like Minnesota

The Legislature has now been in Session three weeks trying to dispose of the Lands granted to this Terr for building Rail Roads A bill passed the House yesterday for Engrossment in favor of the Minnesota and Pacific Railroad Co" The Co am of "from Stillwater via St Paul and Anthony to ~~Sioux~~ Sioux Wood River, with a branch from St Anthony via Anoka, St Cloud, Crow River & St Vincent on the Red River at the North end of the North

Minnesota

of Pembina River" This Bill will undoubtedly become a Law. The Corporators about fifty in number are Directors for one year. Father & one. Sam'l Stanchfield one. and numerous others over whome father thinks he can have considerable influence. The first meeting of the directors will be holden Tuesday June 9th at St Paul

The Road will be surveyed at the earliest possible day. to stop pre-emptions, as the act of Congress does not effect the right of preemptors until the road is surveyed and marked, Now do you want to be Chief Eng of this Road?

I hope that if so, with proper effort you may get that position

Please to send an application with such and all recommen-

dations as will be of value,
and we will see what can be done,
I will write you again as soon as
the bill finally passes, or fails to pass.

Father will not start for the East until
after the middle of June.

Elmer and Mr Haskell intend going
East in the fall. so that if you should
come out then that is how to have
a chance for your mother to come to
Elyria

Please write so soon
as you receive this.

Love to all

C. W. Barber

It may be advisable for you to come
here before the meeting of the directors
if an Engineer were here ready to commence
a survey, it might be of importance in the
view of the directors. if it is that best will
advise you

Saint Paul May 28/57

Brother Isaac

The Rail Road bills are all passed, and the Co Minnesota and Pacific Co are organized. Edmund Rice President, Father talked with him about you. Rice says that they will do nothing this year but make preliminary survey, says that he will give you charge of a section next Spring, I do not think that they have Engaged any one as Chief Engr of this Road. Mr Rice took your address and I think seemed pleased to do so. remarking that the Ill Central would employ none but good men. He is acquainted I think he said with Col

Mason, at least with his reputation, I see a letter to day from Obed Hoit, who wishes for employment with you. He is a good Mathamatician. Graduate of West Point and a good kind of a man, he may suit you. He is in Bangor, I have not done much here yet, been looking about some. do not know but I shall go out with an exploring party for the R. Road, Mr Rice writ to day that he might like to know me,

This is a beautiful country, very, and I like, but its people and their customs I do not so much, Money! Money!! Money!!! Three per cent. How it shuts out every thing that is better,

Father will go East about the

first of July, Theodore is here now. His health is very poor, he intends starting East with his wife one week from next Monday to go to a Water Cure Establishment, where, he has not decided. you may see them in Elyria, I have many fears in regard to his getting well,

Tell Anna that I will write her one of these days,

Love to Nettie

Yours

L. W. Farber

St. Paul May 28/57

Samuel Furber

Elysian

S. W. F.

July 13th 57

Saint-Paul July 13th 1857

Brother Isaac

There is one subject which sometimes gives me uneasiness. What would become of Percie should I in any event be suddenly taken away. Would you be willing should he thus be left to take him and love him? And would Nellie make room for him? trusting in Providence for your reward.

This thought in relation to him is not a new one. I have pondered the matter often, neither is there any

reason why I now particularly
refer to it. Life is always so un-
certain that we should never
leave any duty, most especially
one that we owe to another under
I trust that I may be spared to
watch over him and protect
him, but if not others must do it
with hope of but little reward
and to no others would I more
hopefully commit him than to
yourself and your dear Nettie.
Should you feel willing to consent
to it, I will be relieved from
much anxiety about him in
the event of his being left alone

Yours

L. W. Gurley

D. W. Ferber
St Paul Aug 15, 1857

St Paul Aug 15th 1857

Elyria

Brother Isaac

I want you to tell about all you know in relation to the grading of Rail Roads. The Minnesota Pacific road is to be put under contract between here and St Anthony this fall. The work to be done next winter, and I want to be prepared to make a bid. I think that work here generally is being done at very high prices, and there may be an opportunity to get a good contract. please to post me up. I dont believe there is much probability of your obtaining such a position on this road as you would wish. The President — Directors have too many pets. The subscriptions to this road are

less than $400 000. The first portion of the road to be finished will be from here to St Anthony, I do not know of any thing of particular interest at present. I've written to your mother quite often so that you get all the news from here.

How is Nettie and the Boy? Give her much love and best wishes. Our double headed convention is still in session and it is probable that they will give us two constitutions. Hon Stephen A. Douglas arrives in town yesterday. The Dimmocrats are making quite a fuss over him. What do you think of the Missouri Election?

Yours

S. W. Farber

St Paul Sept 12, 1857 Saml L. Fuller
Elysian

St Paul Sept 17th 1857

Dear Father Isaac

Yours of Aug 27 was duly rec'd. I am much obliged. I saw one of the Executive Committee yesterday who told me that they would not probably commence work this season on account of the pressure in the money market. The name of the Chief on the Miss & R.R. is — Shepard. I am not acquainted with him and do not know where he is from. "Uncle Sam" is to expend a few thousand dollars on the road from Point Douglas to Stillwater by way of Haskells this fall grubbing and bridging making culverts &c. I intend to make an effort. I am looking daily now for the Mother after his arrival I shall be more at liberty and intend to be

about more than I have yet done.

Business here seems to be quite brisk although business men are saying that the "times are hard" were it not for the public improvements going on here I think that it would be very dull. The Republican State Convention met in this City this week and have made nominations for State officers. Election Oct 13th they feel pretty confedant that they will carry the State but I judge it to be very doubtful, although the nominations are generally satisfactory. There is a feeling that in the Constitutional convention they sacrificed right to policy. How far this feeling may affect the vote in Oct I cannot judge. it will certainly rob the party of the enthusiasm of many of its best men, there are many men here who believe that a colored man is as capable of voting understandingly as a raw Irishman or an Indian. I profess to believe that myself.

Crops here are generally good. the grasshoppers destroyed the most of the crops about St Anthony within three miles of the river. Corn is backward and perhaps not so good as usual. but if the frost holds off a short time longer there will be very good crops. There will be but little produce required to be brot from below this fall. although I suppose there is not near the amount

in the Territory that will be needed before and then harvest;

How does the money panic affect Mr. Elyria people? Is it not a little singular that the great crash which has been hovering over the land with such awful ~~front. Ass~~ visages, like a bird of ill omen, should alight in Wall Street? "Pluck the beams!" Steamboats have been making their trips on the river very regularly all the season, occasionally getting stuck on Beef Slough bar. What do you hear from Elijah this fall? I have not received a letter from Maine since I left there. I have written to Elijah three,

How is Nettie and the boy? Much love to all,

Yours

L. W. Burbee

S. N. F. St. Paul

Feb. 25, 1858

St Paul Feby 25th 1858

Isaac & Nettie

Yours of the 17th I rec'd last evening. Was very glad to hear from you. That you are all so well and happy. From past experience I can sympathize with M. Isaac in being bothered for money. This winter I have no money and want none. So it does not perplex me very much. There is but very little money in our Territory. Our State (?), County and City are each issuing Scrip for their indebtedness. State scrip bears 12 per cent, County 10 per cent interest, City none. This serves for a home currency at from 75 to 90 cents on the dollar, and will pay taxes at par. The Loan Bill has not yet passed, but will. When we have any executive department for our state, we have no governor and it is questionable whether our State Legislature can make any valid laws, our wise builders of a Constitution, made provision for a session of the Legislature in July, but our governor elect cannot be qualified until after we are admitted into the Union, it is now proposed to submit the Constitution to the people in a few weeks for amendment: providing for

inauguration of the governor at an early day, after which the Machine will be wound up and set in motion. Uncle Sam, Nelson volens, Every man in Minnesota prefers staying out of the Union to being admitted if Kansas & the Lecompton villainy (Mrs Cunningham's Child, as Kansasites call it) is to be dragged into the Union hitched to our skirts. The good "Dimocrats" here are muttering curses long and deep upon the head of "Jimmy Platform". Then it is quite probable that they will, within one year, be crying and fawning to the Administration like a whipped puppy. I rec'd a letter a few days since from Mr & Mrs Crosby of Hampden. Mr Crosby's health is quite good now, but has the hog-pox very bad last summer. They seem to be in very good spirits. Rufus & William are in Kansas, doing as they suppose quite well for themselves. We hear nothing from Eliab for a long time. How is he getting along?

Friday afternoon. I was interrupted yesterday, and I've been engaged to day with Mr Hamilton in making our bid on the Superior Road. There were some ten or twelve bids, we shall not know before this evening or tomorrow morning who gets it; I do not much expect nor desire the contract, going into the woods in June, July & Aug & fight mosquitoes will not be a very enviable business. I think that if we

do get it at the prices we have bid that we can make a very good job of it;

If I were not tied up here with the grain and flour which I am trying to sell I would go down to Elyria and stick until the river opens, but I do not see how I can. I want so much to see Percie, I am afraid he will almost forget me. If we do not get this Superior road to build I think that I must go to Ohio either when the river opens or as soon as we complete our last fall contract, probably about the first of May. I was going to write Mother, but I know of nothing further of interest now to communicate, perhaps I will write her soon, I feel that I don't want her to go back to Maine, while I suppose she feels that she ought to go. If there is any probability of Charles coming to Ohio in the fall had she not better wait and go back with him? She must needs go? Won't Charles yet come to Ohio to live? I almost think he will. I wish I could myself, what are farms worth in your County?

Monday morning March 1st, We do not get the Superior Road. It was let for prices at which I think the Contractor (an Eastman) will lose money. It now seems quite certain that

a Loan Bill of some kind & the amount of five Million will pass. if so, I think there will be a good deal of business here next Season. Would you like to come here & take charge of a section of road?

write as often as you can & am always glad to receive letters from you

With much love
S. W. Gruber

J. W. F. St Paul
June 15 1857

St Paul June 15th 1857

Brother Isaac

We arrived here Friday at 4 Oclock A.M. per Steamer Milwaukee, all well although somewhat jaded, we were detained twenty four hours between Madison and Prairie du Lac. Some three miles of the road was under water and in some place, badly washed, we stoped over night, at a log house tavern, at a place Called Maiamania, what an euphonious name,

The upper Mississippi never appeared in gayer habiliments, beautiful beyond all comparison, The first Bbl of apples came to hand to day. Charges 2,95 freight on the balance will be less. The Boats on the Miss Charge 30 cts per 100 lbs but no package less than $1,00. I can probably sell them here for about 8 cts, no very great speculation, Money Matters, here are in a shocking condition, we have not yet commenced housekeeping will not until after our return from Galena, Grow kept well, Mothers Health is

better than it was, although not very good, May able to preach there is to be organized here a Congregational Church with about 20 members, this ought to have been done years ago

I have learned from the Bangor papers more particulars about the fire, it seems that the fire originated in another building and that the building was nearly destroyed. That their loss was from 10,000 to $12,000, and was covered by insurance, it may be, that they will not suffer by the fire. I hope it may be so, I got a bill of my tea yesterday, so that they gained that. The spring here has been dry, farmers are suffering now for want of rain, what think of that, Eliza is well pleased (so far) with Minnesota and especially St Paul,

Much love to all

S. W. Furber

S. W. F. Bangor

May. 24 1838

Bangor May 24th 1838

Isaac

Yours (date forgotten) I saw Saturday on my return from Milo, You may buy me a Bbl of apple and send to St Paul via. Mill & Miss R.R, perhaps it would be cheapest to send it via Cleveland, that is the way that Bullock sends freight to Chicago, we are expecting now to leave here one week from to day, and be at your place the last of the week, we are all well and hope to be Almeda has not sold to Mills, she may, perhaps, but not entirely certain, she wishes to know where she had better go if she trades with Mills, Can she buy any thing of a farm about Elgin for a ~~thousand~~ dollars?

Yours

S. W. Furber

L. W. F.
Aug. 5th '58

St Paul Aug 5th 1858

Brother Isaac

How warm and how wet it is. grain here very badly rusted. half crop. Corn of a gigantic growth and if the season is long enough the crop will be very large. Since the last days of June. when every thing had become much parched, there has been a constant succession of heavy showers, and such thunder and lightning I never heard of or saw. Last night there was a model shower for half an hour. I think that the whole heavens were in a perfect blaze from half to two thirds of the time, and one continuous roar of thunder and such thunder, none of the muttering which we hear in the East; but a continual Crash as if a thousand worlds were being broke to

fences about ones head.
Isn't there joy in such a storm?
I think so.

How do you and Nellie and the babies and Jennie and the Doctor and Anna and Hattie and Libby and all the folks do?

Here we are all well. Mother's health is rather uncertain, but the rest of us are quite confident that we are in excellent health. Perce seems quite well and enjoys himself much. I wish he had a larger run. He is not disposed to form an extensive acquaintance. I believe there is but one child that he plays with at all. I do not encourage him to play with many children, but wish that he would get acquainted more easily than he does.

I have done nothing since I came back and do not see that I am likely

to. work here is being done for prices at which contractors must lose money. If things do not look better I may go to farming next Spring. Some of the R. Roads are being built. but every thing is done by Skullduggery. not much chance for any body unless they are willing to lend themselves to all kind of fraud and ingenuity;

What can dried apples and cheese be bought for in Elgin next Sept or October? also butter? will you make some enquiry and let me know. I have sold the apples I bot cleaned $2.00 per Bbl. I have sold but little of the tea. Large quantities in this market; could have done well on cheese if it would have come without damage. freight on apples was one cent per pound on both five. I have never heard one word of the fire in Bangor but what I saw in the

Jospers, What do you know of
Elisbs loss? With much love to
all Yours &c L. W. Tuber

Percie says I may send Uncle Isaac
and Aunt an armful of love

St Cloud Jany 31st 1857

Brother Isaac

I rec'd a letter from you some two months which I should have answered long since, it has been about two months since I bot a farm and moved to Cottage Grove. The farm I bot had 30 acres broke last June and 34 rods of post & board fence, no other improvement, price $1625; 35 acres of timber, balance prairie, it lays on the West of Theodore's farm. 120 acres, I am boarding this winter with Theodore, since I moved to the City I have engaged to come back to St Paul in the Spring, have made an engagement there & go into a Steam Saw Mill, where I think the prospect for business is quite good. The Mill I am going into has 2 mulay Saws, 1 Siding saw, 1 lath Machine, 1 Shingle Machine, 1 of Woodward, planing Mill, and a Splitting Machine, for making Siding, we can manufactor from 3 to 4 Million feet of long lumber per Season of Eight Months, besides shingles, laths, and planing, I am one of a company for operating the Mill, & have the general care of the Mill, The others are, The Engineer, The book keeper and Salesman at the yard, and one of the Mill owners who has care of the general business

Samuel W. Hoyt
Jan 30 1857

each have 1/3 and the Mill 1/3 of the profit;
The Mill Cost about $20000. the Mill owners have to
make their own insurance and pay Taxes,
The Mill owners have a contract for from
3 to 4 Million of logs, now being cut, to be deliv-
ered in the St Paul Boom for $4,25 per M; they
will cost in the Mill Boom about $5, which we
have at cost; lumber is selling for from $10 to
$20 per M; planed siding and flooring for $25;
but the great draw back will be to sell all we can
make, and then we have to trade a great deal of it,
I think we can saw boards for $200. and can hire men
and pay them 2/3 of their wages in lumber, I
cannot see why we may not make a good busi-
ness of it, I wish now that I had not bought the
farm at the Grove, but I hope to sell it soon, I
am now on my way up into the woods where
the logs for our Mill are being cut, I have been
up once before this winter about 4 weeks since, I shall
stop in the woods this time two or three weeks. it is
about 125 Miles from St Paul a few miles west from
Fort Ripley, There is a man now engaged in draw-
ing the Machinery and Light Fixtures of a Steamboat
from the Mouth of Crow Wing River to the "Red
River of the North" there he will build a new Hull for it
The portage is about 120 Miles. from here (St Cloud) to Breck-
enridge which is at the head of navigable water on

The Red River is 140 Miles. There is now being cut through a road from this place to Breckenridge &c. about 7 miles below Breckridge the Genl Government are building a Fort called "Fort Abercrombie", from St Anthony to this place Steamers run most of the season (from 2 to 3 months) The Red River is said to be navigable for Steamers from Breckenridge to Lake Winnepeg and the "Saskatchewan" (I do not know as I have spelled it right) which empties also in to Lake Winnepeg from the West or South West, is said to be navigable for Steamers for 700 Miles, & a point where it is but 150 miles portage into the head of Frazers River. There is a vast country to the North West of us here which must be opened up within a few years and I cannot believe that business will remain at its present low condition for a very long time. I believe that the putting of this Steamer on the Red River will secure the Entire trade of the Hudson's Bay Co through St Paul. Goods have been landed within Six Months, at St Paul from Liverpool via New Orleans for $100 per 100 lbs,

Our Congl Church at St Paul is getting along quite as well as we could expect, all are not coming into it who should do so, the Presbyterians are making every possible effort to induce Congregationalists coming into the place to unite with them, they sometimes succeede, but I believe that this society is

destined to be a strong one, but it will for some years have many a hard struggle to keep above water, it has doubled its membership since its organization, which was not much to do as it at first had but 15 members, our minister, Rev'd Burdett Hart, is just the man for the place, an ardent Christian, an eloquent preacher, prepossessing in his appearance, and winning in his manners, one whom his people will love, and all respect; We organized a Sab'th Church at the Grove about 6 weeks ago with 18 members, four by profession among them Alfred Holman and my brother John. Since then we have had quite a revival there. There have been some 20 enquirers, when I left there the 28th inst there had been 5 family altars Erected, my brother Theodore is among those who have begun the new life,

We are all in excellent health. Percie is growing tall and stout. I think the Climate is good for him. I've not sent him to school since I've been here. I think he learns quite as much at home. he is a very good reader and is learning to spell quite well, I rec'd a letter from Mother a few days since, all well in Bangor, How sad that Saml Hasbrouck should be in the condition he is, following his brother Charley,

Give a great deal of love Nettie and the Children, also to Anna and the Doctor

Yours S. W. Ferber

Cottage Grove March 24th 1861

Brother Isaac

I am going to write at this time about that box of roots & shrubbery, you said in your letter that you could send a box of any size that I was willing to pay Express Charges on if you knew what I wanted or what would live in this cold region, I suppose that a box of the size of an 8x10 glass box would not cost more than about $1.00 by Express and would contain as many roots and slips, as you would have to spare, I now have nothing in the way of roots or shrubbery, all kinds of currants gooseberries, raspberries and blackberries, grow well here, The common red currants can be got here. as also the various kinds of Strawberries roses of all kinds can be grown here, all have to be protected in the winter. a few roots would be very acceptable. Honey suckle and almost any kind of shrubbery will do well here. have you any Lily of the valley. I do not think there is any in Minnesota, You can put in such things as you have that you can spare and as you think would be likely to grow here, it may be that the Express Co would not take a box of that kind without prepayment if so you pay the freight and forward the bill to me. have the box directed to me care of P. P. Furber St Paul, We are well and hearty

have had a very pleasant winter with but little snow. The last week has been very cold Mercury to zero, it will however soon take but a few days of pleasant weather to put our harrows (drags) in motion, then will be a great amount of land put in to wheat here this year, I have just completed the agricultural statistics of this town for the State Statistical Bureau it shows in this town for the year 1860

No of farms in cultivation 55
No " acres " 3356

acres to wheat	1738,	bushels	48,925,	average per acre 28,1
" " Corn	596,	"	24,560,	" 41,2
" " Oats	748,	"	45,174	" 60,4

The balance under cultivation to various other crops this we think is about as well as Ohio can do, but I would like some of your fruit;

I have to put in this year about 40 acres, shall put the most of it wheat, shall raise no more corn or oats than I shall want for consumption on the farm.

March 5th I have very negligently delayed this letter and will now post it away, we are now having a fine rain, the first of any amount since last October the frost is now out of the ground sufficiently I think, some wheat is sown and the most of wheat will be put in next week if the weather should

be good, I shall sow about 36 acres of wheat
and 10 of other crops I have 40 acres open on
way and I hire six acres for which I pay $12,
Wheat is worth in St Paul now 60 cts, Corn 30, Oats 18,
Much love to all

Yours

Dear Mr. Hall

Dear, I have just compiled
statistics of this town for the
Bureau it shows in this town
No of farms in cultivation
No " acres "
acres to wheat 1738, bushels 18,772
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" " Oats 248, " 45,174 40,4
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S. W. F. Dec. 11 1862

College Grove Dec 11th 1862

Dear Mother

Perhaps you would like to hear from us if we have nothing in particular to say of ourselves more than that we are all well. I suppose that ere this you have had a visit from Mehitable. Wish that I could have gone along too. but then I suppose that it is some comfort to you to see her. I know it will be so to her to see you. Lu miss Bell and Rob't very much and almost hope that they may not like Ohio well enough to stop there. I wrote to Almeida some months since but have not yet rec'd any reply. neither have I rec'd any answer from a letter to Charles, from Elijah I have

heard nothing for a long time, does he write to any one?

I have been interested in reading in the Patent Office Report for 1861 an account of Grape culture on an island in the western part of Lake Erie in Latitude 41°43', it appears that grapes do finely there, Can good vineyards be made in Elyria? Our crops here have been quite good this season and most of our farmers are getting ahead a little, I am feeling a little bad over the drowning of my horses this week, I had hired them to a lumberman to work in the logging woods this winter, he drowned them in Lake St Croix last Monday, he will have to bear the loss, but I do not expect to get another team that I shall like as well as that Percie can so safely handle, he had become very much attached

to them and was very much
grieved at their loss, our
winter school has just begun
and he and many are attending
I have been until now very busy
since early in the Spring, I put in
35 acres this year and had no help
but a few days until harvest, and
have done a good deal of business
besides, in June I made the assessment
of this Town which took me some two
weeks, I was then on a board of com-
missioners to appraise the School
lands in this County which occupied
me some thirty days, I had to enroll
the Militia of this Town four days
in harvest, In Sept I rec'd the appoint-
ment of Assistant Assessor (under
the U S Excise Law) for this Co
which has already furnished
me employment for 36 days, and
on the 6th of June I have to go to
St Paul as member of the

House of Representatives,
So that I see will see that with
my own and other peoples
business my time is pretty well
occupied, I have a young
man working with me who
is from Norwalk Connecticut who
will stop through the winter
I think that I have been very
fortunate in getting him, a fine
steady boy of 20, The people of
this State are still very much ex-
cited about our red brethren
the Sioux, There are some 200 of
them in Braceletsat for Peter
& some are with & have the satisfac-
tion of hanging, and which un-
common fathers Abraham does not
seem willing we should do, but we
think that they will not be allowed
to go unhung by the interference
of any power, many they must or burn
Affectionately C W Garbey

St Paul Aug 8th 1863

Bro Isaac

Enclosed I send a five dollar bill on the Bank of Geauga at Painsville Ohio, It is called counterfeit here, perhaps Dr DeWitt will know whether it is or not, if it is bad you need not return it, if good send me back something for it,

I have been two weeks doing "Dep'y Provost Marshall" duty, The Irish didn't want to be enrolled and instructed their "Biddies" not to give their names. The enrolling Officer had been driven from "the patch" and threatened with violence, a party of Dep'ts were detailed to protect him and arrest offenders, The morning that they commenced enrolling in the Irish district we had to arrest four and put them in jail, when they "came down" and concluded to give names,

I am going home to night I expect Percis up for me, We have had an exceedingly dry season and crops are quite poor,

We are all quite well,

With much Love

S. W. Gurbes

C. W. Tucker
Paul Aug 8 69

29 : 62
25 : 61
8 : 12
10 : 7 : 2
9 11/2
3 1/4

d. H. Tuttle
Dec 29 1864

[illegible] the beginning of the end. The men call for 300,000 men is going to leave this country all bare if help. Some farmers will not plant next year, more will undoubtedly.

P.S. This may be Dutch writing to our servants & how would it be done.

Our winters do not seem to be very cold, though generally pleasant, very little snow, & slushy.

We wanted to [illegible] & see you all again. But you not make us a visit [illegible] Tell Dr & his [illegible] remember me to them. I think you would all enjoy a trip on the Chesapeake, (if the water is high enough) [illegible] also remember me to [illegible] and frequently speaks about the boys. Please to remember us to Miller Charles & dear little Mary, Nine of our little ones in all [illegible]

[illegible]

and [illegible] [illegible]

well. He is away just now on a special
trial on account of his Consular duties & his business as Atty appears
Our record is not exceptionally good
but we have had cheerful times with a
home book and are still unable to
complain. Hoping this will find you
all in good health. I am dear Sarah
With much respect,
Yours truly
Lot Pleasants

Dear Sis. Really I ought to have acknowledged
the kind letters of sympathy from yourself and mother,
but have had a little leisure this season in consequence
of having no help in the house - that I find it hard to
get time to write many letters, but we often think and
speak of you remembering how happy the children
used to be at ____ house. The winter here thus far has been
very cold - I think we never had so much severe cold weather
so early in the winter - Minnie walks more than a mile
to school, she has gone frequently when the mercury
ranged from twenty to seventy-five below zero. Little Isabel
seems quite well most of the time though she has
occasional spells of violent beating of the heart which give
us some uneasiness - we don't know whether Grace's disease
commenced in that way, but think there must have been
something wrong about her a long time before we were
aware of it.

Summit St. Ch.
Jan. 13. 1866

[illegible]

I received your letter [illegible]
its said intelligence I say,
words would fail me in any
attempt to express my views,
I know that for our loved Mother
we need not mourn, all is well
with her, and what a blessed meet-
ing for her when she welcomed
her to those "Mansions" which
where the good and the heavenly
are. How God after God is being
loosed which binds us now, and
when the last one is severed may we
be as ready and as well prepared
as our dear Mother was, then Death
can do us no harm. I deem much
regret that I could not see
Mother again [illegible]

things I wanted to tell her.
Now I will leave I keep them
a little longer, I would that
I could pay a fitting Tribute
to our Dear Mother's Worth,
but I can find no words to
express my admiration and
love for her, to have known and
been loved by her, as I knew
I was, was no ordinary privilege,
May her bright example and all
her Christian counsels be a seed
sown upon good ground which shall
bring up and bear fruit unto
Eternal life,

We are now all quite well, Lee
& Lans now are out & Lizzie and I are
start East early in May, make a short
visit in Ohio and then Pittsburgh,
and then Eliza goes East and waits for
me to come home with her, I may start
the first of July and may not until
first of Oct, I cannot be sure

from her months on account of
my assessing, then I will have
to let one monthly return go,
at these hands may all have
to be changed or given up.
I am at a loss to know what
I do with or rather for Vere,
I want to give him better not
ing privilages than we have ben,
and I do not want him En
tirely away from me
many years as will be nec
essary to Educate him,
Sometimes I think that the road
will be made plain as I travel
on, and again it appears to me
that some fine morning that may
not be as I would like it,
Give much love to Nettie and all
the P's, Kiss all the children for Uncle
from,
Agnes

[illegible]

It is with much grief and sorrow that I also, [illegible] heard of your beloved Mother's death although I can claim no relationship to her, yet I had seen and known enough of her, to love and esteem her as a sweet [illegible] I have had no Mother for [illegible] on earth [illegible] many years, my heart had been drawn towards her, with strong affection I had been thinking [illegible] much of late, & the time when I [illegible] see her again, for we were told that she might be spared [illegible] the longer but the Lord has ordered it otherwise. (The Lord doeth all things well) and [illegible]

J. H. Fa...

April 3 1916

Cottage Grove Ave

[illegible] Our Spring is threatening to be a very [illegible] as in many places in Iowa, & reasons for now, which [illegible] continued very [illegible] Before Lent nearly every Morning but about [illegible] at 10 or 11 A.M., Since Ash Wed it has been warm enough to [illegible] and [illegible] Accordingly, the [illegible] just in the ground and about [illegible] the cold [illegible] and "Bridal Veil" [illegible] Many [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ben and Vercie may that
last the first week in May, they
will make a short visit in Chicago
before going to [illegible]

what will be the best way for
them in going from Chicago to
Akron? I believe there are no cars
on the Northern Division of the C. & E. I.
R, And they best go to Cleveland
on cars in usual time in the night
and get a train to be in Akron
early? Will you please advise
me in this matter,

What School books will Vercie need
we has McNally's Geography, Robinson's
Primary Arithmetic and Andrews
2nd Reader & Speller, do you use any of them
in your School?

I feel as much like rejoicing
at the Democratic victory, and the passage
of the Civil Rights Bill over the
veto as at Lees Surrender.
[illegible] Democratic Election - a very

Virginia &c, if the Union Party could carry that State against all the influence & that was brought against them why not carry every loyal State at the Fall Elections? and if Congress will only heed the warnings of the "Bulls" recently hurled in the Independent this may yet be a power in the settling of the difficulties which lie in the way of reconstruction,

There is no doubt but it requires a master order of talent to overcome the difficulties now in our way & subdue Rebels at home,

I think it most probable that I shall start East the first of this and be home the first of Dec. I cannot leave home more than eight weeks unless I should be relieved by Judge Ayer

Yours

The Congregationalists are about to establish a [illegible] and Preparatory School in this State, the committee appointed at the General Conference met Wednesday at the next Conference upon the location of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] locations, such proposals to be handed in before the first of May, we are making an effort to secure this location here, we have raised here about $10,000, I am going this week to [illegible] assistance there, they are making no effort to get the location, should the [illegible] in the southern part of the State, [illegible] we stand a very fair chance to obtain it,

Flour

		Dr.	Cr.
1879			
Nov 7th	Jas K. P. for 180 bbls @ $5.50	990.00	
	" Cartage ($3.00) Hoisting (180) insurance (6.00)	11.40	
Dec 6	By sales of 6 bbls. @ 5.75		34.50
22	" " " 4 " "		23.00
1880 Jan 13th	" " " 4 " "		23.00
Feb 8	" " " 45 " "		258.75
March 19	" " " 6 " " H.S. Brown & Co 3 mos without int		34.50
25	" " " 2 " "		11.50
28	" " " 87 " 5.50 B. F. Hattorn		478.50
April 13	" " " 14 " 6.25 at Milo		87.50
27	" " " 4 " " "		25.00
	8 " " now at Milo		50.00
	180		
	" Jas K. P. for hauling 26 bbls to Milo	13.00	
	" " W. B. Eldon storage	6.64	
May 7th	" interest a/c	20.42	
	By Profit & Loss		25.01
		1041.46	1041.46

I give you credit for 1/2 of sales @ 1026.45 = $205.29
and charge you for 1/2 of freight of 26 bbls to Milo
$13. and storage $6.64 = 19.64 = $9.93

I think I will keep a cow this summer either buy or hire, what can I do about getting one at Milo
May 5th I red a letter from John Cashow saying that there had been two bbls of flour stolen from the Mill and asking me to come up to find the thief as I cannot very well leave I think it would be just a nice job for Isaac please to get him to confer with John and such others as he may think fit

best and devise ("ways and means" for the detection of the thief if you should think best to search. I suppose a search warrant would be needed. See John and let me know by Tuesday's mail if it is best for me to go to Milo. I wish the Temple mill work a reformation among you ch in poor Milo. John thinks not very highly of the moral character of the Moore's Blue noses who live on the Jameson place. Warren South of the Tuscalapsis is [illegible] suspicion. be very cautious about expressing any suspicion beforehand

A.H.J

Assetts. Jan 1st 1850 Metcalf & Furber. Liabelities

Geo Brandywine	$ 276,00	S. S. Metcalf		$ 104.36
F. W. Fletcher	330,00	J. S. Metcalf		399.54
Clover Clark	10,00	J. R. Whiting		5.49
Mason	58.46	J. McDonald	say	10,00
D. E. Ireland	3.25	Profit & Loss		294.11
Alvin Foss & Ireland	72.80			814.03
Wing say	10,00			
Green & Smith	10,00			
S C Barton	———			
C. W. Rich	3.63			
D. D. Gay	———			
S. W. Furber	40,89			
	814.03			

You will see that our affairs appear to be in better condition than last year. The flour all stands to my a/c. have sold 12 bbls sup. am going to send a few bbls to Wilo. it is worth there 6.50. get it hauled for 50 cts. in March & April. it will be worth 1.50 more than in Bangor. costs nothing for storage. The Brandywine is hauled up at Frankfort. last freight not settled. in the above schedule I charged it to my a/c @ $10, which makes the earnings this year $63.14 cost 31.50. now stands without interest a/c $256.96. Wing has paid nothing but has promised a part this week. expect we will have to wait till Spring for part. Green & Smith have given a note for 300 I think they may pay. I have not yet been to Camden or Boston. shall go to Boston Cost I can from there. I went in to the Court House yesterday after consultation with Morrison decided to admit on Fletcher's copy a default for continuance. Godfrey says there is no defence. we must secure upon real estate within thirty days after judgment. to pay for our interest for Thurston to be out of the writ with is suit before we get judgment

I closed a trade yesterday for 1/16 of the Solin H Crosby. $2.15
went to Milo Jan 1st in a sleigh. Mr [illegible] your mother came with me to pay
us a visit she has with you to day and I suppose gives you
all the Milo news. Father has determined to sell his farm and go
to Minnesota in the Spring of 1857. Had a letter from Olin while
I was at Milo. She has one of Mrs Judson's birds in the nest, now
some two months old. John Lords with us this winter
attends the Hampden Academy. Jane is here does not go to school
I have no business this winter but what I can create at home
Lucy is very busy this morning doing her baking to ask you to
dine in the afternoon with me. She send a large piece
of her loaf which you will please find in this same
envelope. Swazey in acknowledging my money says
says our a/c with W & S is wrong in the insurance item
They charge $4.00 & on your a/c from $1.75 & on explained that
to me once but I have forgotten about it, have not an's
them letter perhaps it is not necessary

About your leaving Waterford. If they keep their house
in operation stay, if they shut down? if you feel that there
is any probability of recovering help from the water treatment
go to Brattleboro if you can as easy as to come home
unless you can have as good attention somewhere else
as there you know best about that matter is there any
water there suitable for you. I want you to continue
the water cure system until you feel satisfied one
way as you feel that there is any chance to receive help
I do feel that I wish you to make a fair trial
of system. I am considerably at leisure this winter and
you may consider me at your service if I can be of any
assistance to you either there or in any other place

Hampden Jan 5th 1857

1881 - 5 years

C. W. Thurber

Thursday evening Oct. 31. /51

am coming home ~~tomorrow~~ Saturday a.m. I'll tell you all the news John will go up with me & perhaps Almeda come Monday we shall conclude about it when I get there She had better be all ready Lucy is very much more comfortable Ann arrived here yesterday all well and happy Eliab wrote to her on Boston & she started right along we cant imagine why he did'nt have letters ~~yesterday~~ day before yesterday

Dear Mother has not seen fit to tell all dear little one has gone. it did seem Tuesday that it might live, but God has taken it to himself. it does seem that it ought to have lived. but we know that our Father does all things right. and we must try to feel that he does you will have all the particulars Saturday

L. W. G.

Tuesday P. M.

I suppose that I must write a few words to day. We were presented yesterday morning with a daughter whose life (like that of all) hangs by the merest thread but we feel to day that we have reason to hope that that thread may grow to its usual strength Lucy is as well to day as we could expect Nov. 6 what a night of anxiety. and we all ought to be thankful for so much mercy shown to us we cannot promise when we will get your letter or not this week certain. will write again by next mail

In haste

P. W. G.

Sam'l has left a space for me to fill but I have not to say much they have got a first rate old country Nurse from Bangor but we both have as much as we can do I talked with Lucy mother said going up Friday she said she could'nt leave me she should be crazy if I did She says Dear Joseph wont suffer for you as I should they will do every thing for him

Where can Anna be? write to me

A. M. M.

Samuel & Mother Hampden

Col. 28 1830

Bayou May 8th 1851

My Very Respected Sir

Yours of a late date is in my pocket. I have seen your Uncle Nathaniel and have selected and distinctly labeled nine young and tender trees to be forwarded to your order at Milo by the very earliest opportunity, to wit

Bells Early	1 tree	
Rib Stone Pippin	2 trees.	winter good
Red Astrichan	1 tree.	early rich
Baldwin	2 trees.	
Greening	1 tree	
Flat winter	1 "	
Wine Apple	1 "	Fall Sewarfish
	9	

For which trees the Uncle abovementioned asks the sum of thirty three and one third cents for each and every tree. the whole nine therefor amounting to the exact sum of three dollars. considering that the trees are low and the price high I shall charge no commission on the purchase

I take this opportunity to assure you of my distinguished consideration

S. W. Yerbes

Dear people all. I wish I could see you. I wish stove was here. Give our good ones. Good bye.

Dear Lissie & the rest of the folks in general. Mrs. Farber also sends love. Elsie sends love to all. Lissie I hear is keeping house. I hear as you do of course. Write now. Write soon. Write often. Write long letters. Write interesting letters. Address Mrs. Farber, 1 Ave. C. Corner 7th St. Write now. Write soon. Write often. Write long letters. Write interesting letters. Address Mrs. Farber, 1 Ave. C. Corner 7th St.

Samuel thinks best to send this by tomorrow's mail, so I'll scribble a few words. Lissie Ave and Mrs. Webster called one. They are coming to spend this evening. Mrs. Aunt Natty, and a very estimable and fat old lady by the name of Page, called this morning. I can't tell you how many people come to get a chance to emigrate with Mr. Farber. They will have quite a congregation. Samuel has bought a very pretty copy of Hannah More for Lissie. gilt leaves, for $1.50. Was that right? I am going to put a beautiful book mark in it. She is a good girl. I have not rec'd Mrs. Thaxter's letter. Her tongue came yesterday. Her health is miserable. I hope the chair will come soon. I do not love to be carried so much. Ann has sent $20 to Lissie to purchase a silk dress & flannelleen. So I shall send the skirt together with "Beauties of Festus" which I have bought for her. My cough is better. I daily drink doses of Curtiss tea. don't know but I feel as well as before I came. We are in momentary expectation of seeing our Frances arrive. Pa has not yet arrived & they cannot tell when they will start. I am very glad the curtains gave forth their treasure, and very sorry you worried about Susie. "'Tis never worth while to worry" (Ready) I don't know whether syrup would be beneficial or not. perhaps I'll leave it to Lissie if there is suitable opportunity & I will sugar it to suit myself. It may be too bracing for me.

Hampden Nov 16. 1850

Dear Folks

Lucy says she is "growing gradually better day by day, but ~~that~~ her walking sticks, and ankle bones receive no strength" She walked across her room Thursday, but she is not strong enough it made her legs tremble some - She says "tell them I am going into the sitting room to-morrow" I think she wont go. She is gaining faster than I expected, and feels quite comfortable has no pain and is only weak, and tired of the bed and of doing nothing - We get along quite well and next week Ann and she will get on swimmingly. Ann is coming back Sat. and I return Monday Dont fail for by that time my children will need me I guess Alfred was here yester, seem'd to think, should not go to Milo, but had not fully determined, expect I shall next week. Mr Kimball came in boat with Alfred told him to tell Mr Wilson and the folks up there that he had returned to spend the winter in Bangor. Does that mean that he has heard that Mr W. is unable to stay, and he will come if wanted?

How does Mrs Sargent? have they moved yet

It is going to rain so I can't not go to meeting morrow so going up tonight so I send it for fear

Lucy sends great parcel love I want to write a word to children but have time only be good, good

Samuel
Almeda R. S. Hampden
Nov. 18. 1850

N.Y. Albany N.Y.

Albany Thursday Noon

Dear Elyria

We found ourselves at The Delaware House This morning at 10.15, have got along nicely left Cleveland at 5.15 P.M. Buffalo at 11.45 P.M. The Safe Speed Boat was very good. We leave for Boston at 2.45 P.M. This day, and if we do not stop over night at Springfield as Norman, which I doubt we if we do, then we shall get into Boston at 12 to night, Tomorrow in better order than I now feel but this cannot be, and we hope for some favorable

Yours

H. H. Gilbert

Bangor
Sept. 21 1856
embarks

Bangor Sept 21st 1856

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 18th we rec'd last evening. We were very glad to hear from you. & your own continued good health. We have had many fears that you might be taken down with sickness. We should be very thankful that your health has been spared to you. that you have been enabled to watch over and care for all the dear ones about you. May it still be further spared and may all who are still sick be soon restored to health

Dear Brother I do most sincerely sympathize with you in your great afflictions. in our dear Lucy's death. I know that your sorrow is but little less than my own. and O! how every day these losses grow upon us. feeling more and more the worth and the love of those who have been taken from

us, Let us draw near to God and learn of him if we may why he is thus dealing with us, and what he would teach us in this discipline of his. To the dear ones he has taken from us we know we feel that he has dealt in mercy, may we be enabled to feel that in their removal that he has been also in mercy dealing with us

Your Mothers health is I believe pretty good She was much worn down with the care of the dear little babe but is now recruiting her health and strength I am intending to go Milo, perhaps the last of this week, and leave her and Persis there a few weeks. Persis's health is now quite good although his bowels are not in an entirely healthy condition. For the future we have made no definite arrangements

Elials folks would I suppose move up here then being no valid objection. but it is very Evident that Hatty and Maria do not wish To come, and neither your Mother

now myself feel like urging them to come.

Mr Obed Hoit, formerly of Milo, whose wife is now at St Albans and is represented as being a good housekeeper, wishes to have her come and keep house for us and to take him for a boarder (he is a clerk for J. A. White) we did think that this might be a good arrangement, but your Mother now thinks that she and Lizzy could keep house this winter by having the washing done. This would be the most pleasant for us all. But I am almost fearful to try it lest your Mother be over tasked and wearied. I know not hardly what to do. Elias thinks I had better sell my place and board with him but I do not quite feel as though I ought to as we could. If it could be as well for him (which I suppose it cannot be) how glad we would be to have Nettie and Wilder come and live with us this winter and as much longer as it would be best for you

Dear Nettie, What can I say to you to comfort you? I will pray God that your life may be precious in his sight. That you may be restored to health and that He will comfort you, and sustain you in your great affliction. Trust, Trust, this is what we need to learn. God is faithful to perform all his promises and more, I know this. I have seen it with my own eys, and heard with my own ears, and have felt it, and it has comforted me. and if he has been faithful with the dear ones whom he has called to himself, will he not be faithful with us if we are found faithful to him? Yes He will.

I wish that it might be best for all for you to come here, I hope that it may, but we little can we tell of the future, or what is best even for ourselves. I trust we may be guided by wisdom from above in all things.

With very much Love

Samuel

Portsmouth ninth mo 3d 1850

the ashes arrived safe after a passage of eleven days and if the weather continues good I expect to finish unloading the schooner tomorrow I shall do with the proceeds of the cargo as thou directed in thy letter and send thee a certificate of deposit please tell I L Thurston that Capt Jobbison is not going to Philadelphia after coal

From thy friend Levi Almy

Monday morning

Mr Thurston

I rec'd this letter last eve. think it for our interest to get another man for the B. I M. McCalf thinks that Bliss Blodgett of Bucksport could recommend to us some good man. I know of a man now with Capt Mitchell, who I think would do very well. if I can get him, shall we have time to inquire of Mr Blodgett? I shall be up to night or tomorrow

In haste

L. W. Furber

Levi Army Lpt 3

Portsmouth 6 mo 23d 1850

Respected Friend

I mised thy letter yesterday stating that thou hadst disposed of thy wood for the present season and that J W Forbur had a cargo to sell, I would be very much obliged to thee to say to him that if his ashes are of the same quality of thine we would take his cargo at fourteen cents per bushel and find them to send them the first of the eighth month would be the most convenient time to receive them if J W Forbur concludes to send them please write soon

From thy friend

Levi Illey

Lieut Army June 28th
Ass't Surg U.S.

Cottage Grove Feb. 26th 1850

Brother Samuel

This with ead is the breaking up of a hard winter, our snow is leaving us very fast, will probably disappear entirely in the course of a few days

Febreary has been as pleasant a month as I most ever witnessed, we have not had a single storm of any sort since January, but Dry and January was cold ones, I have done nothing all winter but to get wood, and feed the stable, I have three young calves about four weeks old, and eight young pigs two weeks old, but have not as yet any young chickens, except my little girls, and they are about as much trouble as they is any need for, they are at this time just breaking prison, the inside of the old cabbin, but no straw and pen them now, Estelen is a great hand for feeding the calves, and pigs, and is very anxious to undertake the milking, I can hardly get out doors but what she must go with me, As I am called away for writing, I shall close this until some convenient opportunity

[illegible] Thursday [illegible] Nov at 3 PM

[illegible] getting along, we will [illegible] with
my [illegible] I am [illegible] that
in [illegible] instrument will give out before I get it entirely
[illegible], I find it [illegible] with
that I have to raise my estimate of its
cost. I am satisfied now that when
[illegible] I shall have [illegible] one
thousand dollars, but I shall have
a good house built in good style.
It will consist inside of two 15 feet square rooms,
one 12 × 15 feet, one bedroom 8 × 10, one
kitchen, 6 by 8 feet, a closet 4 by
4 feet, one stairway, a [illegible]
15 × 32 feet, 8½ feet from the ground to
the plate. The outside will exhibit three fronts
32 feet each one of them with a verandah
32 feet by 5, and a fine cellar at an
expense of about $150, or one hundred and
fifty dollars, I shall not be able to
paint entirely after I move into it
may paint in the fall

Therefore I had a very good and comfortable
house well finished,

Mr Haskell had a very good dwelling
but not yet entirely finished.

I wish when you write again, you would give me an idea of your better plans of appreciations, I do not suppose that your intentions always labour by the month, if not I suppose you must have some intention of settling somewhere, and make you a home

Have you any idea of where you may be one, two, or three years hence, still labouring by the month or year for wages is (to me) an unpleasant business

I believe that every man who can should have a home, and it should be his chief object to make it the [illegible] comfortable, and happiest, a place of happy retreat from the storms, the cares, the toils and battles, the troubles and difficulties, disappointments and temptations of a wicked world, and this may be done by those in very moderate circumstances in life if they have the will to be sufficient to confine their wants, within their means for unquestionably it is not the amount of a persons possessions that produces either riches or happiness, some are richer, some more contented, and happy with $500 than others are in the possession of their thousands

Good night

J. Warren Feb 26

Sunday Morning March 7th

I think from present indications we shall come to a determination to come to Minnesota

He talked some of coming, and himself in June next, but had not yet determined upon the matter, thinks he shall move a year from this Spring

We are expecting a large influx of emigration the coming season,

What a change has taken place here since I first came into this part of the North west, and the three years I have come will probably produce a greater one,

Our friends here are all in the enjoyment of a usual degree of health

Send my kind regards to all enquiring friends, and also the hospitalities of my habitation should any of them think of visiting Minnesota

Adieu, Your Brother

Warren

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Cottage Grove April 10th 1850

Brother Samuel

Yours of March 1st was received on the 8th Inst.

I am glad to know that you are in good health, and living easy, taking the world coolly, I suppose that on this receipt your Father will have left for Minnesota, I wrote him about two weeks since, soliciting him to bring (in case he came) Catherine Matthew or Mehitable, and I hope he will consider favourably my request, if Matthew thinks that she cannot I cannot see any reason why Mehitable cannot come out with him, and well now at a year hence

Should Father move next I cannot well conceive how you will be able to content yourself within the neighbourhood of Mills, I am well aware that it must be a much more severe task to the third child, and all new, alone in the bosom of your Fathers than it is for one to leave their Fathers house and family and travel into a far, and distant Country and adjacent amongst strangers entirely

in the latter case every place, and every scene
is new, if not interesting, and is calculated in
some measure to banish our minds and
think down our thoughts from those we may
lately have parted with, but in the former
case there is nothing any object upon which
the Eye may rest but what reminds us of
those who have departed, departed perhaps never
to return, how lonely indeed must the heart
be that sitiuated, if father sells his cottage
and it cannot to be inhabitated by strangers
I shall never have the most distant desire
to ever behold it again, how great the difference
between staying among strangers in a strange
place, and staying among strangers in
the land of our childhood, the one is
not only endurable, but sometimes pleasant,
but the other alas! how sad, who can
endure it, But you will not be left
among strangers, nor without friends,
you have a wife a tender companion,
and your own kind friends and family,
besides innumerable may other warm
friends, but never the less you can but
feel that the Master who been you, the father who
protected, and supported you, your tender
days, and the brother, and sister of your
child hood, are in a far distant land

Thursday eve the 11th

I wrote last eve until I was [illegible] into quite a melancholy state of mind, and I concluded it would be well to stop and [illegible] upon the strength of the matter,

I have nothing new of importance to give you at this time I believe that we are all enjoying a usual degree of health & the health of my children is much better this spring than it was in the winter,

We had one of the most pleasant Feb. I ever witnessed but march was a cold and uncomfortable month, and April threw [illegible] backward, I expect to commence sowing next week, expect to put my crop in a lone, shall sow about forty five acres, to all my work with one span of mules,

I have the carpenter work on my house finished shall not be able to commence plastering until the last of may Mr Williams does the work.

[illegible]

Deer Isle Jan 7th 1860

Messrs Thurston & Turbarn

sirs I am sorry to say that i have bin dissipinted in money that i Expected to have to Pay in for the Brandywine i sent her Mackerel to Boston and they was hurt and wooden ware and was dissipinted otherwise therefore i shant be able to Pay enny thing before we start in the Spring i havent had enny thing from the Brandywine only one trip to Boston and that i have Put to the char now all remains if you feel willing for me to have the vessle next season i think that i can Pay fully well up for her for i dont had enny chance to earn enny thing since i had the Brandywine if i have the vessle she will earn a bounty of 30 dollars that will go in for her Now i write your Pleasure wether i shall keepe the vessle or sell her in the Spring for she is fore up now i expected go another load but the weather was so bad that i declined to the last Pleas to wright me the rest of the if you conclude let me how the vessle is due all i can I shall make a payment in the Spring

Yours with respt Thomas Small

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To Mr Peter Mullany 5

James O Hanlon

Bangor

Maine

Bangor Aug 23. 1850

Mr Kinsman.

I called at your house and your wife said you had gone to Frankfort – but would do about the Brandywine just as I would think best. Dealing offered us twenty five Dollars to say what we would give & take for the half and it was understood that the party purchasing was to pay all bills now standing against the Schooner. – I told Dealing I would give & take four hundred & twenty five Dollars for ½ the Vessel and he finally said he would sell so that the whole of the vessel is now on us. Deduct the twenty five Dollars he offered for a bid and he gets four hundred Dollars for his half – so that you will pay him 200 Dolls for your one quarter – one half in Cash & ½ in Six Months adding interest with a good endorser

Yours &c J. D. Thurston

S. D. Thurston April 29

Aug 19 1850

Mr S W Thurston

Dr Sir

I have sent
to Boston this morning quite in a
hurry --- You will have to come
up and attend to the bills Lading
I have not the name of the
man to whom they go ----

I think you had
better write the Consignee to go to
Newport or the nearest Bank
and deposite the money in
your or my name and send
a certificate of deposite

I have put 15 M Shingles
on board for Jones & Co

I shall write in Boston

Yours S S Thurston

Will be loaded middle of afternoon

Aug 19th A.D. Munson

J. W. Hurlburt

at Hartford Steam

Mill

Dec

Provincetown Dec 12 1814

Mr Furber. Dear Sir

I Expect you are looking for us back by this time, but you will not see us this some time yet I Am afraid We have had verry blowy weather Sience we left we have not had Weather Suitable to get round cape ~~Cod~~ cod Since we left Bangor We have Ben geting Along by Degrees taken We thought A good chance, but Verry Slow, and being So long from home I have got Short of Provisions and Money So I Am ~~obliged~~ Obliged to give An order on you for the Amount of $7,00 Seven dollers to David fairbanks Of Provincetown

Yours With respect

Wm H Kendall

Capt Kendall

Mr Jeremiah M Fowler
Boston
Mass

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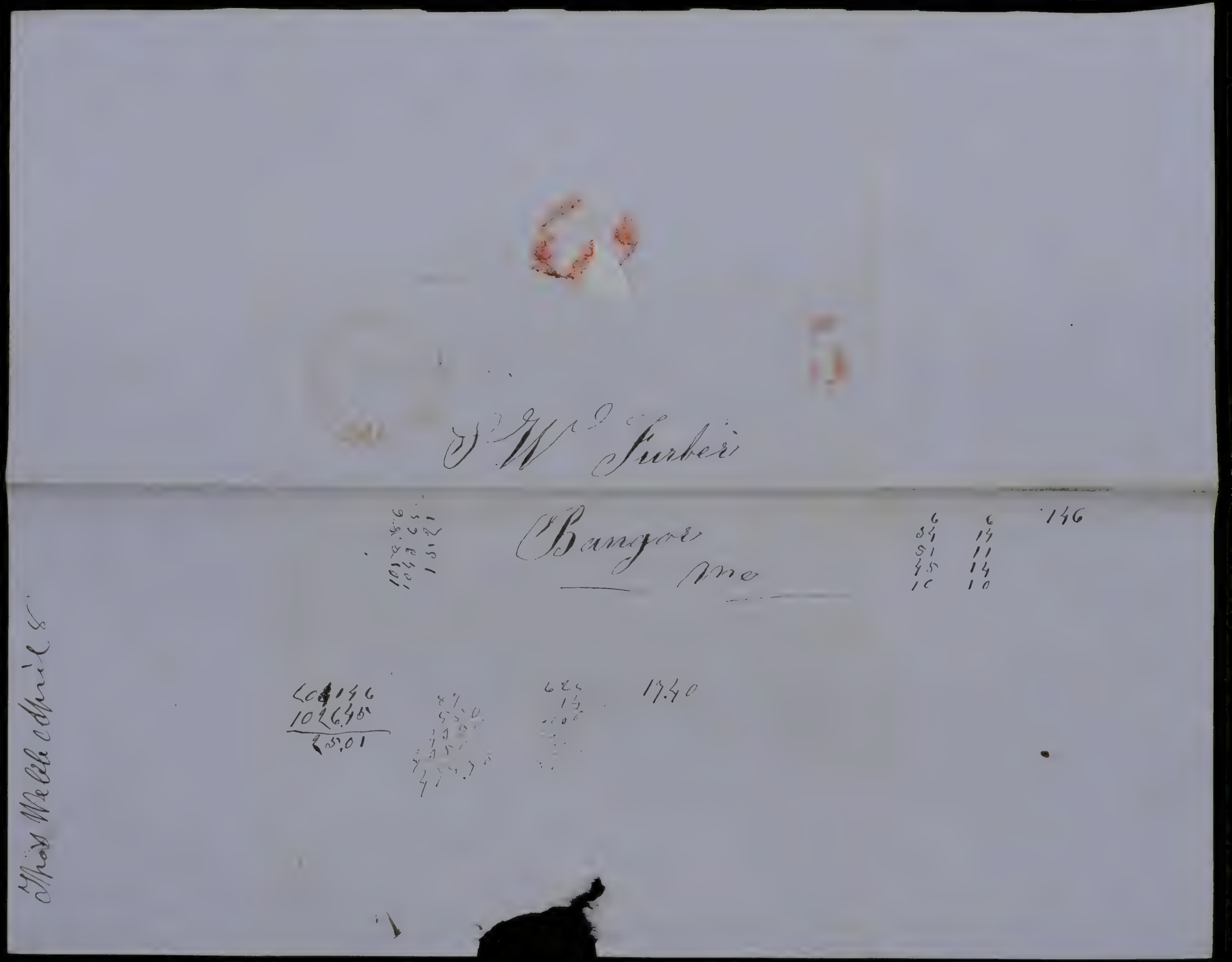
Gorham April 5th 1855

Mr Member

Dear sir

yours of the 3 inst
is received I want to send as much
hay to Bangor as I can find a ready
market for and you say you would
like to carry all of my hay
if you can carry as much as I
can sell, I will not engage
any one else, I engaged Mr Polk
to store my hay and sell it
I want you should see him and
let me know what hay is worth
in Bangor
how much hay will your schooner
at a load, and when she will
be in Portland and I will have
a load ready for you
Pleas write by return mail
your humble servent Thomas Webb

direct South Windham



Portland April 17 1850

Mr Linden

Dear Sir

I received your note that
Mr H. Chandler of Scituate
there was hay, you must
direct the Captain to call
at here on Commercial Wharf
Scituate

Now shipping a load of hay
for Bangor so will get
loaded to morrow

there is regular packets that run from Scituate
to Bangor they do not take
freight only one belonging
to them is ready sailing get
another vessel that can not
get freight from here

Let me know when your schooner
will be here, and how much hay
she will carry at a load,
and I will endeavor to have
a load ready for her on
Commercial Wharf Portland

Yours &c Thomas Webb

J Webb April 17

J. Alexander

Burlington

Vine

Bangor Jany 14 1857

S. N. Farber Esq

Dr Sir

We want you to Goe up on to our Land No 2 Bay where Jm H Shaw & a man by the Name of Knights is Cutting Shingle & Clapboards Cut - Shaw had a permit from us to Goe on to the Medunceunk Stream to Cut Dead & down Stuff & to pay $1.50 pr M for Clapboard Cuts & 25¢ pr M for Shingle Stuff for each & every M Shingles except Nor

Find if Mr Shaw Cut any Green pine No matter what it is Cut for he is to pay 4$ pr M Board Measure Do you will want to keep Dry Shingles Stuff & the dry Clapboard Stuff Separate also the Green pine by it Self - We were also told to day that a Man by the Name of Knights was on there Cutting if So & he went on under Shaw & they are Cutting without waisting the timber you may Scale his the Same as Shaws & Dust inquire of C. T. Herald who works in there if there is one Stealing Timber from our Land

See that things are all right with us as Soon as you have been in - We Saw a Letter from Knights Supplyer Saying Knights had in 75 M the 4 of this month & a part of it Green - You will have to Look Sharp or you will not get

all the timber – Come to examin the letter again
up Says that Knights has in 70 M on first rate
Clapboard Stuff besides all the Shingle Stuff
Mind & Scale it as follow Dry Clapboards Stuff $1.50 M/M dry
Shingles Stuff 25¢ per every M Shingles & all Green pine
$4 per M Board Measure M permitted the dry low
as they were to pick it up on the burnt land
& if they have Gone back into the green
growth & Geting Good Stuff Say to them we Shall
Charge them what you Say the Stumpage
is worth – Tell them you Shall all they Cut
& that they Must Give you the Amount
of what they do Cut – You had better
Spend one whole day in there & see
they are Not wasting the timber

Ask A. J. Heath how much timber
Manufactured & Not Manufactured at the
Mill belonging to Shaw & Knights that Come
from our land – They Cut & Rolled in some
& drove down last fall & was to pay Stumpage
as it was Sawed &c – Please attend to this
immediately & write us how Matters Stand

Yours Respectfully

Walter Brown & Son

S. M. Fisher Esq.

Wattawattimeg Point

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Bangor Jany 22 1857

S. H. Surber Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of the 15 was duly
Recd — I saw Mr McGillis & he said
he heard Wyman was complaining that you
gave him hard Survey & he says pay no
attention to him but Survey the Linekin
Strait & Sound & give a Scale that will
hold out to Saw without fail — You had
better Say Nothing to him about the Scale
but Go on & Scale it & if your Man has
time Get him a pair Snow Shoes & let
him look up Some timber for them & Say
to the Choppers Not to Cut Very Small
timber if there is enough that larger & fit
for to haul — You need Not Mention that
we heard that Wyman complained of the Scale
but Go on & do your duty & See they do
theirs find them timber if it there — I wrote
Some days ago to you up where Mayo
worked & Scale Some Clapboard & Shingle Cuts
that Shaw & another Man is Cutting & Scale
the Green & dry Seperate also the Clapboard
& Shingles & Stuff Seperate — Please attend to it &
you Dam Not & Let me hear from you

Yours Walter Brown

Walter Brown Jan. 22

San Jo Jany 24 1851

My Dear Sir

Enclosed you have a copy or a partial copy made so far as you may need of my permit to Alfred Eastman and Joseph Eastman, I wish to call your particular attention to it. In the Spring I shall come up with Teamsters & shall want you to locate what he may left in the woods. In the mean time you will be careful what talk you have with them. for I have the belief that they will misrepresent anything & every thing you may say, they are on there without any legal authority from me and from their course I have no doubt they mean to act in perfect defiance of all law. So be careful to say nothing and there chances of misrepresentation will be lessened. I send you a paper both of which I want you to read and one of them to hand to Binley, compare them & see that they are both alike. Retain one in your own hands for a copy

I have made the copy of the permit for

I have written to Francis McGuire & that I cannot allow any Scoler to be insulted while in the discharge of my duty I have heard of the Conduct of his brothers in the Woods, I want to call the your attention particularly to this Case and dont you allow them to bow beat you in the Highest manner & dont alter your Scale on account of it. If they do not cut them by right you must cut the ~~Scale~~ choppers. You asked me in your last letter if I wished you to get an a/c of the Stumpage cut on L R 4 last Summer. I do want you to attend it

A man by the name of Fitch is residing on the South 1/2 of L R 6. It belongs partly to me and I should like to have you attend the Scaling.

I am much obliged to you for writing occasionally. Do let me hear from you as often as you can

Yours

Wm H McGillis

I said in the former part of this letter that I shall come up in the Spring with Simmons & shall want you to scale what is left in the woods, I mean what should have been cut according to the strict terms of the permit. although I say they have no authority to cut all in any way still as a precaution I mean that the timber shall be scaled according to the permit

Wm McCune,

Mr. Crilles Jan 24

Bunyon Jun 21st/57

Mr Zuber

I am in rect of
yours from Mattawamkeag
If it is agreeable to Mr Bisbee I should
like to have you scale what
lumber he hauls us also whatever
may be hauling on Seboois & mata-
wamkeag Lakes Please let me know
what you do in the case

Yrs J. F. K. Hayward

Hayward Jan. 21

1751

South Carolina Feb. 24

Mr Harbon

Sir I received yours of Jan 2
Sir I will Pay the hundred and thirty dollars
by the time that I take out fishing licence
or before if it is Passable I expect to
take out fishing Sailors about the first of
June or before I will give you an
order for the bounty sine by the Master
so that you will receive of it in Town
if you ant there when I git out Papers
I will leve it in the office or any where else
that you se

Your most humble Servant

Thomas Small

Belfast Feb 10. 1857

Dr Sir

Yours of the 6th came to hand in due season, - in answer to your inquiries I have to inform you that Mr. Noah Jellison has no Real Estate in his hands - he bargained for a house in this village, that he lives in, but has no title as yet on Record

Yours &c

A. White, Reg &c

R. White Feb. 10

Banga Feb 9
28 1851

Mr Farber

I want you to observe all that Barley & Woodburn do on the Spoffard if they put on one other log just note the fact. They are on without right & they know it. & their conduct I wish you to watch - I had some logs last year over in Spring brook say from 50 to 75 thousand - nice logs I want you to look over & see them & see if there is any difficulty in getting them out. look to them & see if they are all marked - Soper has agreed to scan them for me - Talk with him about it if you can see him. There is also a mast lying near the Monument above the Mouth of Seboeis run & log into the River See Soper about it & ask him to get it by all Means

Truly yours

Wm B McCrea

Write me as soon as you go in

Mc Conkie Feb 9.

Bangor. February
28 1851

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 26 came to hand this morning. I will let Mr Hathaway have Spruce at $6.5. if you think best. You must obtain an account of all the Stumpage cut by Hop. on No 2. I note your directions & Mattawamkeag keep and you will probably become it the same time you do this. I am interested in Badgers operations & I do not think you will find any time to trace lines.

I note your that I was apprehensive that Hathaway might have cut some timber which you had not found. They are up to all kind of tricks. Smith & Cowan need looking after. & also the operations on the Seboois (No 3).

Stevens is out an which ~~they~~ he will make No 4 boards, I should be up on the Schoodic in the first of April

Yours truly
Wm H McCrillis

W. Mc Cills
Feb. 28

Bangor Feb 9. 23. 1851

My dear Sir.

I am thinking that Hathaway is cutting some timber which you do not find. I want you to take Holman up with you and find out all you can. You need not look after Bradley, Smith teams also on the Indian may require the same kind of attention, In regard the Stumpage cut last Summer by Shaw on No 2. & the Matagasce tract I wish you & Holman to ascertain quantity. &c I am glad you write frequently

Truly yours

W. H. McCrillis

Mrs Cullis
Feb. 23

Dear Sir I received your letter
in May and received one in Norway from
Hill which is not to your Liking you stated
that you were willing for me to keep the
Information of I would Pay 150 dollars that
was due for the Land on Account the bounty which
was Recommended by Congress

the second Inst I shall take up my Papers
Papers about the first of June or will
Give you an order for the bounty or will
Pay the 150 dollars if the Patent Under Seal
P S I think that I can make the Brandywine
work by Steam but I will Install that it is Profitable
for me to do

I shall come to Norway when I take out further
papers or before the expiration of the Brandywine to see
with Pay you wished for me when I come to Norway
or when I take out papers I will what I can

Yours with respect

Thomas Small

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Lemuel Hunter

Bangor

Do Deer Isle
Me April 22

Capt. Lemuel Hunter

St Albans May 1 1851

S. W. Gerber

Sir.

I write to you at this time to get some information relative to the lumbering business, and as to what its prospects are the present season. Failing of employ in the Handle business I must look for Employ at some sort of lumber work as the next season. Is the business likely to be good the Ensuing season? What wages do lumbermen command in your mill? If you will take the trouble to inform me you will oblige

Yours &c.

John L. Conney

Saml H. Gerber
Hampden Me

John Lewis Boyle

Frankfort May 26th 1854

Mr Samuel W Flournoy

Sir if you are here in Brandywine and have taken out licking Licenses and are in a grate hurry you have left to the custom house fifty Dollars in cash and have left an order for the Bounty on the collector - in Bangor I am State for Boston that was all the Money I had with Me of your ces yit the other fifty Dollars from the Bank in three Months I will Pay by that time

Yours
Thomas Smalls

I hope to see you here this time

Dear Sir

Yours the 15th Inst
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Mr. Jno Fairbanks

Sir I received yours and was very sorry that you should think that I should try to keepe my Promises I will make a Jane statment how things stand in order to git the Brandywine away to the boy I have had to pay

(money) I borrow for	£71.00
I bot for	37—
rejing in barks and blocks	3 8—
corking and Painting	40 22 5

and Sundrey other Expenses that I have had to Pay about 70 dollars in cash or I should have Payed what I said that the I should when I took out fishing Papers when the ship returns I Promised again to Pay up for the Sals and who's the it is Payable I have tried to git the money but if I cant git it before I hop that you will wate tel the time and then you shall have all that I can

I B I will come to Bangor as soon as the Brandywine returns and I can make Sale of her Proceeds and will Make things right with you

Yours with respt

Thomas Small

Leg: [illegible] Feb 24 [illegible]

Samuel W Thurber

Bangor

Ohio Sept 27, 1851

Mr Furber

Dear Sir

Yours received. yours of the 18 and I take this opportunity to answer the same I can let you have fifty dollars the last of next month and I should like to let you have a doz and a half pairs of boots, the same kind and same price as those you had last fall or one doz pairs, if you would like have them please write as soon convenant and let me know

Yours

W M, Hamlen

N.S perhaps I may have some more money for you some time in November but cannot tell for certain yet, 50 or 60 dollars

W M H

PAID

Mr S. W. Gurber

Bangor

Me

Bartlemeus Brunker
Esqr.

San Jele oct 1st 1864

Mr Turbon

Sir, I send fifty Gallons
by the Steam Boat the Brandy wine
is in the Bay of Shelcon and will
be back in 2-or 3 weeks and then
I Shall cum to Bangor and will pay
you all that I owe

Thomas Lovell

Capt. Samuel
Oct. 1864

Ohio

Samuel W. Thurston

Bangor

in care of

Samuel F. Thurston

Hilo Novem 13 1851

Mr Furber

Dear Sir I receve yours on the 12 you say you
hav Wrought two Letters to me in regard to corn
Boots and reget verry much that I did not
notes yours I hav receved two Letters from you
one on the 1 of Novem and 1 one the 12
I wrought you about 6 Weaks ago and sent
word by Mr Knowls to know if you
wold take som hay and Oats and Bear
for sum of the Lumbermen
I have about 6 or 8 Tuns of the first rate
hay that I wish you to hav
I have Ben disapointey in my Letter not having
it Sand in seasing for the Fall bisness
I think I can let you hav one dozen pare Boots
next week I have got a nice Harness
for you if you wish
I should hav answered your first Letter
but expected to hav ben down thare
before this

Yours and very [illegible]

William Owen
Nov. 1851.

Lees Ill Dec th 1851
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Mr S W Fowler

sir i in close you the chr Brandywine Bounty Papers that you can git the Bounty i had a letter from the ofice at Frankfort but have lost it if it is necery you can send to frankfort ofice and git a nother

Mr B sir i have met with so much loss this season that i shant be able to Pay any more this season and if you will give me a nother season i can Pay for the chr the chr met with about fore hund dollars to the leg and i have had to lay out a large sum besides

yours with respect

sir Please write after you git the Bounty

Thomas Small

Capt. Small Dec 1851.

"A message from the heart" say the lips, "a message from the heart", what an outrage, what a base libel it is a matter that the heart knows nothing of, in which it has neither part nor lot; still the lips say "from the heart, from the heart," poor heart! if the lips were thy only servants, how severe would be our judgment of thee, how fickle and how varying we should call thee, but thou hast another servent whose report we may be relied upon, the Eye, this is ever faithfull ever true, never going into raptures or melting into love but with the truth, the loftiest intellect cannot command it, nor heaps of gold bribe it to falsehood, it is ever faithful, giving true account, The lips speak forth praises to the most High, and utter curses upon all that is pure and holy, they sing Gods holy name and revel in the pollution of all the basest passions, they are venal servents working for the highest bidder. If for a moment the good within us (and I believe "there is nothing so evil but it hath some good") shall prevail and the heart be lifted in gratitude to God and filled with love to man, the lips will be its most ready servants, sending forth healing streams laded with love and sympathy, A heart that is full of goodness, that loves

and pities. that yearns to invest the richest of its mercy in the souls of those that need it — how sweet a tongue hath such a heart! Even its silence is beautiful."

Again

With such views and feelings, how hateful seems the idea, now so lamentably prevalent in some portions of Society, of individual rights, as if whatever affects the one did not equally affect both, as if the heart of one could be touched and not touch the hearts of all who gathen around the same hearth stone. Whatever tends to perfect a oneness, a unity of all domestic interists should be cherished as of inestimable value, and whatever would divide those interists and set up the rights of one over against the rights of another. should receive instant condemnation

S. M. Fuller
St Paul 1847
Extract
Elysium